UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 09-21406-CIV-WILLIAMS/TURNOFF

TRILOGY PROPERTIES LLC, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
vs.)
SB HOTEL ASSOCIATES LLC, et al.,)
Defendants.)
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PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF FILING THE DEPOSITION TRANSCRIPT OF DONALD TRUMP AND SELECTED EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Plaintiffs, TRILOGY PROPERTIES LLC, GAETANO SALERNO, JOSEPH SALERNO, RICHARD ATKINSON, MICHELLE GERLICK, ROBERT PICCOLI, VICTOR SENOFONTE, MARYANNE GREELEY, and GRANT GREELEY (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), by and through undersigned counsel and pursuant to the Local Rules of this Court, hereby file the following:

- Transcripts of the November 16, 2011 and March 2, 2012 deposition of Donald
 Trump ("Trump Dep."); and
- Exhibits 325, 326, 415, 416 and 418 from the Trump Dep.¹

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Plaintiffs are filing Exhibits 324 and 327 from the deposition under seal.

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2	DONALD J. TRUMP, having
3	been first duly sworn by a Notary Public
4	of the State of New York, upon being
5	examined, testified as follows:
6	EXAMINATION BY
7	MS. BECK:
8	MS. BECK: Exhibit 323.
9	(Whereupon, a document entitled
10	Re-Notice of Taking Deposition
11	was marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 323
12	for identification.)
13	Q. Mr. Trump, have you seen this
14	document before?
15	A. I don't know. Hold on, let me
16	just see. Not that I know. No.
17	Q. Well, this is your deposition
18	notice.
19	Are you here pursuant to this
20	re-notice of deposition?
21	A. Yes, I am.
22	Q. Are you here in your individual
23	capacity?
24	A. Yes.
25	Q. I'm going to direct you to

Page 5 1 D. J. Trump 2 Plaintiff's Exhibit 143 and 142. 3 If you can take a look at these 4 two documents, Mr. Trump. 5 Α. Okay. Yes. These newspaper articles talk 6 0. 7 about Mr. Donald Trump. Are they talking about you? 8 Yes. 9 Α. 10 I understand your son is also 11 named Donald Trump? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Q. How do we distinguish between 14 you and your son? 15 Α. He's junior. 16 Can we talk a little bit about 17 your background. I'm sure you've talked about your real estate background multiple 18 19 times in numerous depositions. I'd like 20 to do it for this one. 21 When did you start in real 22 estate, Mr. Donald Trump? 23 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 24 form of the question. 25 I started in real estate when I Α.

Page 6 1 D. J. Trump 2 graduated from college in nineteen -- in the 1970s. 3 4 Did you start real estate with 5 your father? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Q. What company was that? 8 Α. The Trump Organization. 9 Q. And what did you do when you 10 started real estate with your father? 11 I built buildings and I ran 12 buildings. 13 Q. What kind of buildings? 14 MR. GARTEN: Elizabeth, would it 15 be easier if we just stipulate to his background? We can provide you with a 16 17 bio. 18 MS. BECK: I haven't seen his 19 bio. 20 MR. GARTEN: I can provide you 21 with a bio. We can stipulate -- I can 22 give you his complete bio. 23 MS. BECK: I can't stipulate to 24 something I haven't seen. 25 Why didn't you give this to me

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2	in advance?
3	If you would like, you can give
4	it to me sometime today and I can get
5	to his background at the end.
6	MR. GARTEN: Great. He has his
7	whole bio there.
8	Q. I understand your attorney will
9	be giving me some document that contains
10	your biography, Mr. Trump
11	A. That's correct.
12	Q later on.
13	Once I admit that into evidence,
14	do you stipulate that all information
15	contained in that document is true?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Okay.
18	Mr. Trump, did you see this
19	newspaper article, Plaintiff's
20	Exhibit 142, before?
21	A. No.
22	Q. Okay.
23	What is Seabreeze Development,
24	LLC?
25	A. I don't know.

Page 8 1 D. J. Trump 2 So you wouldn't be able to say Q. 3 whether it's true that Seabreeze 4 Development, LLC is a joint venture 5 between The Trump Organization and Eugene and Stuart Kessler? 6 7 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to 8 form. No, I don't know. I just don't 9 10 know. You'd have to ask my lawyers. 11 0. Who are Eugene and Stuart 12 Kessler? 13 Α. I don't know. 14 You never talked to Eugene 15 Kessler or Stuart Kessler? 16 I don't know. I don't know 17 their names. It could be that I did but I just don't know their names. 18 19 Does The Trump Organization 20 enter into joint ventures with other legal 21 entities? 22 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 23 form of the question. 24 Sometimes. Α. 25 And how does that happen; who Q.

Page 9 1 D. J. Trump 2 makes the decision? 3 Different people in my Α. organization make that decision or I'd 4 5 make that decision. When you say your organization, 6 7 do you mean The Trump Organization? 8 Α. Yes. 9 If other people in your 10 organization makes that decision, do they 11 do it with your approval and/or sanction? 12 Α. Generally, yes. 13 Q. Okay. 14 When would that not be the case? 15 I don't know of any case where Α. 16 that's not the case. 17 Q. Okay. 18 This article talks about Trump 19 Las Olas. 20 Α. Right. 21 Does that sound familiar to you? Ο. 22 Α. Yes. 23 Can you talk a little bit about 24 that project. 25 Did that project happen?

Page 10 1 D. J. Trump 2 I don't believe that project Α. 3 happened. That was a project that -- a 4 small project in the Fort Lauderdale area 5 that I don't believe happened. 6 Q. Okay. 7 Why didn't it happen? 8 Α. The timing of the project. Ι 9 think the market crashed prior to 10 development. 11 And the people involved and the 12 entities involved with Fort Lauderdale 13 Trump Las Olas did not anticipate the 14 crash? 15 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 16 form. 17 Α. I don't think anybody anticipates crashes, unfortunately. No, 18 19 they didn't anticipate the crash. 20 Bayrock Group, LLC, does that 21 sound familiar to you? 22 Α. Yes. 23 Who are they? Ο. 24 Α. They're a developer. 25 What is your involvement with Q.

Page 11 1 D. J. Trump 2 Bayrock Group, LLC? 3 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 4 5 Α. Limited involvement. They are a developer, fairly large scale developer, 6 7 and sometimes they will come to us for like a licensing deal or something on a 8 9 building that they would develop. 10 was the case in Fort Lauderdale. 11 Were they also a tenant of 0. 12 yours? 13 Α. They were a tenant for a period 14 of time in one of my buildings. 15 Is that the building located at 16 725 Fifth Avenue? 17 Α. Yes. They were a tenant for a period of time at 725 Fifth Avenue. 18 19 Q. Okay. 20 They were a tenant of The Trump 21 Organization? 22 Α. Yes. Well, they were a tenant 23 of the building. Yes. 24 Q. You mentioned that your 25 organization entered into a licensing deal

Page 12 1 D. J. Trump 2 with Bayrock? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Q. What licensing deal was that? 5 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 6 7 Well, I think it was a building that we're talking about, the building in 8 Fort Lauderdale. 9 10 Trump Fort Lauderdale? Q. 11 Α. Yes. 12 Q. Any others? 13 Α. Yes, we did a licensing deal in 14 SoHo. 15 Q. Okay. 16 Which is a beautiful building, 17 completed, very nice building. We did a licensing deal -- we may have done another 18 19 I'm not sure. I'd have to check my one. 20 records. I think SoHo and Fort 21 Lauderdale. O. Phoenix? 22 23 We looked at Phoenix but the 24 market crashed before the deal ever got 25 built.

Page 13 1 D. J. Trump 2 Q. Okay. 3 But a contract was entered into for Phoenix? 4 5 I don't know if it was entered I know the market was getting bad 6 7 and then ultimately we didn't do the job. So it may have been entered but we never 8 9 built the job. 10 You mentioned that you entered 11 into a licensing -- well, SoHo, that's a 12 condo hotel in Manhattan? 13 Α. Yes. 14 How many units does SoHo have? 15 I'd say probably it has around Α. 16 four hundred units. 17 How did your organization get 18 involved with Bayrock? 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 20 form. 21 They really called a long time 22 ago about doing some developments 23 together. We are involved with many, many 24 companies. But Bayrock called about doing 25 some developments together and I believe

Page 14 1 D. J. Trump 2 this was the first one, the one in Fort 3 Lauderdale, and we made a deal to do some 4 licensing. They were the developer or 5 they were going to be the developer at the time, but we made a deal to do a license. 6 7 When you say they, are you Q. talking about Mr. Tevfik Arif I believe 8 his name is? 9 10 I don't know who owns Bayrock. 11 I've never really understood who owned 12 Bayrock. I know they're a developer 13 that's done quite a bit of work, but I 14 don't know how they have their ownership broken down. 15 16 Who at Bayrock did The Trump 17 Organization interface with; who did they talk to? 18 19 I would say it would be Julius 20 or -- mostly Julius. 21 Mr. Julius Schwarz? 0. 22 Α. Yes, mostly Julius. 23 Is your belief, Mr. Trump, that 24 it's Julius Schwarz who's the ultimate 25 decision-maker of Bayrock Group?

Page 15 1 D. J. Trump 2 MR. GILLMAN: Objection to form. 3 He's certainly one of them. Α. 4 mean, we've had a very good relationship 5 with Julius. He's certainly one of their big decision-makers, yes, and he has been 6 7 for quite a while. 8 Did you ever speak with Mr. 9 Tevfik Arif in your life? Yes, I did. 10 Α. 11 0. Did you ever travel with him? 12 Α. No. 13 Q. Did you ever speak with Mr. Arif 14 prior to speaking with Mr. Schwarz? 15 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 16 form. 17 Α. I don't know. You're talking 18 about many years. I really don't know but 19 it's possible. I don't know him very 20 well, Mr. Arif. I've met him a couple of 21 times. 22 Q. I understand. 23 You mentioned that SoHo was a 24 licensing deal? 25 Yes, SoHo was a licensing deal. Α.

Page 16 1 D. J. Trump 2 What does that mean? Q. 3 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 4 form of the question. 5 We license the building, we 6 license the name Trump -- it's called 7 Trump SoHo -- and we also happen to manage the building. It's a hotel. It's a hotel 8 9 condominium. We manage the building and 10 they use our name. We didn't develop the 11 building. It was developed by different 12 entities. 13 Q. Are you talking about Bayrock? 14 Bayrock I believe was the Α. 15 primary developer, yes. And other entities also 16 17 developed it along with Bayrock? 18 Yes, Sapir, the Sapir Α. 19 Organization. 20 Oh, yes. Q. 21 Are there any units at Trump 22 SoHo that are not hotel rooms? 23 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 24 form. 25 I don't believe so. Α.

Page 17 1 D. J. Trump 2 Q. Does your organization currently 3 manage the Trump SoHo Hotel? 4 Α. Yes. 5 How does your organization get 6 paid? 7 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 8 form of the question. 9 Α. We get a management fee. 10 0. Is that a flat annual fee? I don't think so. It's based on 11 Α. 12 -- I think it's based on gross revenues. 13 I'm not sure. I could check it but I 14 think it's based on gross revenues. 15 I think gross revenues of? Q. 16 Α. Of the hotel. 17 0. Rooms? 18 Rooms. But I'd have to check. 19 But I think so. 20 Do you manage all the hotel 21 rooms in Trump SoHo? 22 Α. Pretty much, I think. 23 There's no room that a unit 24 owner rents out on their own and doesn't 25 use your company to manage?

Page 18 1 D. J. Trump 2 Not that I know of. Α. 3 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 4 form of the question. 5 If you look at Plaintiff's Exhibit 143, Mr. Trump. 6 7 Α. Yes. 8 0. There's a -- have you ever 9 spoken with a gentleman by the name of Felix H. Sater or Satter? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 13 form of the question. 14 On how many times did you speak 0. with him? 15 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form. 17 For a period of time. Α. 18 Why did you speak with him? Q. 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form. 20 Α. He worked for Bayrock. He was 21 an executive with Bayrock. 22 Did you speak with him in 23 connection with Trump SoHo? 24 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form objection. 25 Α. Probably.

Page 19 1 D. J. Trump 2 What about the Fort Lauderdale Q. 3 project? 4 Α. Probably. 5 0. Okay. There's a quote in Plaintiff's 6 7 Exhibit 143, Mr. Trump -- I think it's on 8 the second page -- it says here, "Mr. 9 Trump also said he was surprised to learn 10 of Mr. Sater's past" and it quotes you as 11 saying, "we never knew that. We do as 12 much of a background check as we can on 13 the principals. I didn't really know him 14 very well." 15 Is that an accurate quote from 16 you? 17 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to the 18 form. 19 Α. Yes. 20 What were you referencing there? 0. 21 I don't know. I don't know him 22 from the past. I would have no knowledge 23 of his past. They wrote a story about 24 him. I didn't know him from the past. 25 only knew him as a person that worked for

Page 20 1 D. J. Trump 2 Bayrock. 3 So the statements about Mr. Sater in this article, that is what you 4 5 are referencing when you say we never knew 6 that? 7 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 8 form. I don't know if the statements 9 10 are true or not, but I didn't know 11 anything about his background. 12 At the time you made the quote? Q. 13 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to 14 form. 15 Α. Yes, that's right. 16 Ο. Okay. 17 After this article came out, did 18 you continue to work with Mr. Sater? 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 20 form. 21 I think he left Bayrock sometime 22 fairly soon after the article came out. 23 You mentioned that Bayrock was a Ο. 24 developer of Trump SoHo. The Sapir Group 25 is a developer of the Trump SoHo. And The

Page 21 1 D. J. Trump 2 Trump Organization is a licensor of the 3 Trump SoHo; is that correct? 4 Correct, and the management Α. 5 company, the company that manages the building after it's built. We didn't 6 7 build the building and we didn't sell the building. We weren't responsibile for 8 9 building Trump SoHo or selling it. We 10 were only responsible for managing it 11 after it was built, and that's what we do. 12 How do you define building a 13 building? 14 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 15 form. 16 Constructing the building, 17 construction. 18 How do you define that? Q. 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form. 20 Α. You must be kidding; right? 21 0. No. 22 Α. Are you kidding with that 23 question? 24 No. Q. 25 Α. Building the building, putting

Page 22 1 D. J. Trump 2 the concrete up, putting the curtain wall on, building the rooms, completing --3 4 Aren't they done by Q. 5 subcontractors? That's done by general 6 7 contractors and subcontractors and the 8 developer. As I told you, I'm not the 9 developer. 10 I understand that. 11 You have developed projects 12 before in your life? 13 Α. Yes, I have. 14 Please let me finish my 15 question, Mr. Trump. We want a clear record. I know you're eager to get out of 16 17 here but so am I. 18 I think they're stupid questions Α. 19 you're asking me. I think you're asking 20 very stupid questions. Well, I'm sorry that you find my 21 22 questions stupid, but I'd like to get 23 information about this case. 24 Fine. Go ahead. Α. 25 Q. Thank you.

Page 23 1 D. J. Trump 2 Do you need a break, Mr. Trump? 3 Α. No. 4 Do you need a break? 5 0. No, I don't. 6 MR. GARTEN: You can go. 7 Α. Do you even know what you're 8 doing? Let's go. Ask the questions. 9 Q. Building the building, you 10 mentioned that -- you talked about 11 concrete; right, building bricks? 12 developer, would you consider a developer 13 a person who manages the contractor? 14 Α. Yes. 15 If a person only manages the 16 contractor, is that person a developer? 17 MR. GILLMAN: I object to form. 18 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 19 form. 20 Α. Yes. 21 MR. GILLMAN: Do we have the same 22 stipulation that an objection of one 23 is for all? 24 MR. BECK: That's fine. 25 MS. BECK: That's fine.

Page 24 1 D. J. Trump 2 It's part of the development Α. 3 process. 4 Q. And what about selling? What 5 about if a person manages a sales force that does the selling, are they a 6 7 developer? 8 Α. It's a part of the development 9 process. 10 I just want to make a 11 distinction between actually laying down 12 concrete versus managing a company that 13 lays down the concrete. 14 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 15 form. 16 Is it your testimony, Mr. Trump, 17 that you have to actually lay down the concrete to be a developer? 18 19 MR. GILLMAN: Objection. 20 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 21 form. 22 Α. To be a developer, you have to 23 build the building. 24 Or manage other people that 25 build the building?

Page 25 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. Correct. 3 How do you define manage? 0. 4 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 5 form. You would supervise the 6 Α. 7 construction of the building. Exercise control? 8 0. 9 Α. Yes. 10 What was your understanding of 11 the different roles of Bayrock versus 12 Sapir in connection with Trump SoHo? 13 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 14 form. 15 I had no understanding. We were Α. 16 managing the hotel and we licensed the 17 name. We weren't involved with the 18 development. I believe that Bayrock was 19 the developer along with Sapir or 20 separately from Sapir. You'd have to ask 21 them that question. 22 Q. Okay. 23 What was The Trump 24 Organization's role in Trump SoHo? 25 I've told you about four times. Α.

Page 26 1 D. J. Trump 2 We managed the building and we licensed 3 the name. 4 So the role of The Trump Q. 5 Organization and Trump SoHo involved -let me get this straight, you gave 6 7 permission for the Trump name to be used? I licensed the name. 8 Α. 9 Ο. Under a license agreement? Α. 10 Correct. 11 And then after the building was 0. 12 up and topped off, you then came in and 13 managed the hotel; is that correct? 14 That is correct. Α. 15 Is that the universe of Q. 16 responsibilities which you and your 17 organization had in connection with the 18 Trump SoHo? 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 20 form. 21 Pretty much. Α. 22 Q. Okay. 23 What can you tell us about the 24 Trump standards? What are the Trump 25 standards? Do they mean anything?

Page 27 1 D. J. Trump 2 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form. 3 We have a high standard. Α. Wе 4 have a standard as to kitchen qualities, 5 we have a standard as to windows and quality of windows, quality of 6 7 construction, quality of sound. If it's a 8 hotel, quality of the furniture, et 9 cetera. We have a standard that's a high 10 standard in accordance with other hotel 11 companies that do similar kinds of things 12 that are high quality. 13 Q. Yes, sir. 14 There's -- I believe you 15 referenced some properties. I believe the 16 Trump developments in the past which you 17 reference in I believe the license 18 agreement but I'm not too sure as setting 19 the standard for meeting the Trump standards. 20 21 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection. 22 Α. It's possible. 23 I just don't remember what those 24 properties were, but I believe one was in 25 Chicago. Signature properties.

Page 28 1 D. J. Trump 2 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 3 form. 4 Could you describe some of those 5 signature properties? Can you list them? MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to 6 7 form. I don't know what this has to do 8 with our lawsuit, but I certainly will 9 10 give you a couple. Chicago, New York on 11 Central Park West would be the two primary 12 examples. 13 Q. If a building meets the standard 14 of luxury set by the two examples you 15 gave, would that be meeting the Trump 16 standards? 17 MR. GILLMAN: Objection to form. 18 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form. 19 Generally speaking, yes. Α. 20 I'm going to now -- well, Q. 21 they've already been introduced but Exhibits 124, 128, 129, and 130. 22 23 Go ahead. Α. 24 Have you seen any of these Q. 25 documents before?

Page 29 1 D. J. Trump 2 I don't believe so. Α. 3 For the Trump Fort Lauderdale Ο. 4 project, which is the entity that licensed 5 your name from The Trump Organization? I don't know. You'd have to ask 6 7 my lawyers. 8 0. Okay. 9 Were these documents created 10 with The Trump Organization's approval? 11 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 12 form. 13 Α. These documents? 14 Yes, sir. 0. 15 I don't know, you'd have to ask Α. 16 my lawyers. I just don't know. 17 Well, sitting here today, do you approve of them? 18 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 20 form. 21 Would you like me to read them Α. 22 all? 23 Yes. They have a lot of 0. 24 pictures. 25 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to

Page 30 1 D. J. Trump 2 Strike the last comment. form. 3 MS. BECK: Motion denied. 4 Α. They look like very --5 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Counsel, there's 6 no reason for you to act as the court 7 about motion being denied. uncalled for. 8 9 And so let me just put on the 10 record now because again, I haven't 11 been with you at a deposition. 12 Pursuant to Rule of Civil 13 Procedure 30(d)(3)(a), it provides 14 that any time during a deposition the 15 deponent or a party may move to 16 terminate or limit the deposition on 17 the ground that it's being conducted 18 in bad faith or in a matter that 19 unnecessarily annoys, embarrasses, or 20 oppresses the deponent or the party. 21 If the objecting deponent or party so 22 demands, the deposition must be 23 suspended to obtain an order. And 24 then finally, as far as for the 25 Southern District local

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Rule 30.1(a)(5), the paragraph also provides that if questioning unfairly humiliates, intimidates, harasses, or embarrasses the deponent or invades his privacy absent a clear statement otherwise, we can also terminate.

So first, I didn't understand any comments to be made that it isn't in the form of a question. I'm not going to do it to you. So I don't understand that. The deponent also indicated he hadn't seen them. You asked him to look at. He was kind enough to do it and then with pictures and comments and again with motion being denied, I just don't know what the reason of that is. If you can just tell me why either of us -- you would be ruling it as a judge. I just don't understand it, counsel.

MS. BECK: I think you moved to strike which is improper.

MR. RUSSOMANNO: And you said motion was denied. Look, we can

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suspend it. All I'm saying to you is
I haven't been in the room with you.
We're not going to either of us act as
the judge.

MS. BECK: I understand. I note your comments.

Can we move on, Mr. Russomanno?

MR. RUSSOMANNO: If we're going
to go by the regular rules of
depositions and we won't make comments
and we won't act as if either of us
are the judge. And if the questions
are, in fairness, counsel, to you, if
they're related to the lawsuit,
certainly that's why Mr. Trump is
here. But there seems to be quite a
bit unrelated to the lawsuit and it
doesn't need to be peppered with
comments about whether this is proper
or not.

We're here to proceed, but we want to cover the questions that the lawsuit entails based upon your second amended complaint.

Page 33 1 D. J. Trump 2 MS. BECK: Yes, sir. Thank you. 3 THE WITNESS: Let's go. 4 Have you looked at these four Q. 5 exhibits before you now, Mr. Trump? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Q. Okay. 8 Sitting here today, do you 9 approve of these documents? 10 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 11 form. 12 Α. I don't know. I didn't see them 13 at the time. I think this was long before 14 the building was built. These documents 15 were issued long before the actual 16 building was built. These are old 17 documents that have nothing to do with your lawsuit that were long before Mr. 18 19 Stillman came in, Roy Stillman came in as 20 the developer. This was a very much 21 different not only document, it's a very 22 much different building. In fact, the 23 building is almost unrecognizable from 24 what was built. 25 Do you know from when these Q.

Page 34 1 D. J. Trump 2 documents were made? 3 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object the 4 form. 5 I just know it was long before 6 the building was built. It has nothing to 7 do with it. It's a different building, 8 it's a different picture from the building 9 that was built, and it was before Mr. 10 Stillman came in as the developer of the 11 project. 12 Before Mr. Stillman came in as Q. 13 the developer of the project, what was 14 your involvement with the project at that 15 time? 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form. 17 We were thinking of being the Α. 18 developer, but it was very preliminary. 19 We were thinking about doing it in 20 conjunction with Bayrock, but that was 21 very preliminary. Ultimately we didn't do 22 it. Bayrock decided to sell the project 23 and the development to, in some form --24 you'd have to ask them what that form 25 was -- to Mr. Stillman and our only

Page 35 1 D. J. Trump 2 involvement was licensing. We were 3 licensing and we were going to run the hotel. 5 0. So for the four exhibits before 6 you, at this point in time The Trump 7 Organization and Bayrock Group I guess 8 were considering being a developer of this 9 project at that time? 10 I think so. You'd have to tell 11 me what the time was because I don't see 12 any date on these papers. But this was 13 long before the ultimate development was 14 developed. 15 Do you know why these documents 16 may have been prepared? 17 Α. Because I think Bayrock was 18 thinking about building this building 19 before a developer came along and 20 purchased the project. 21 0. Yes. 22 And do you know for whom -- you 23 think these documents were prepared by 24 Bayrock? 25 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the

Page 36 1 D. J. Trump 2 form. I think so. Again, it's so long 3 Α. 4 ago that the picture's even different. 5 These are obviously artistic renditions. 6 7 So you think that Bayrock 8 prepared these documents? 9 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to the 10 form. That's not his testimony. 11 I don't know who prepared them. 12 It's possible that Bayrock did it. 13 Q. Do you know why these documents 14 were prepared, who the audience is? 15 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form. 16 I think they were thinking about 17 developing the project and then when Mr. Stillman came along, he took over all of 18 19 the development. 20 Do you think these were prepared 21 for lenders --22 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to form. 23 -- or construction finance? Ο. 24 I don't know, you'd have to ask Α. 25 Bayrock. I don't know.

Page 37 1 D. J. Trump 2 Did you ever see PowerPoints Q. 3 such as the documents before you, not in 4 hard copy but as PowerPoint presentations? 5 Α. I'm not sure. It's a long time 6 ago. 7 Exhibit 133. Q. You've seen this document 8 9 before; yes? 10 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 11 form of the question. 12 Take a look at it. 13 Α. Yes. 14 This is the operating agreement 0. 15 of Stillman Bayrock Merrimac, LLC; yes? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Q. And that is your signature? 18 Α. Yes. 19 On page thirty-six? Q. 20 Α. Yes. 21 When I see your signature, Mr. 22 Trump, do you personally sign that with 23 your hand or is that sometimes a stamp? 24 I sign it with my hand. Α. 25 Always? Q.

Page 38 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. Yes. 3 What is Trump Lauderdale Q. 4 Development II, LLC? 5 Α. I believe that's the company that --6 7 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to form. 8 9 -- we used to enter into the 10 agreement with Mr. Stillman and Bayrock --11 And the Motwanis? 0. -- for the licensing. 12 Α. 13 I'm not sure what they are. For 14 the licensing of this particular 15 development. 16 This is not the licensing 17 agreement though; is it? 18 Α. I don't know if it is or not. 19 Could you take a look and --Q. 20 Α. I don't know. 21 Ο. Okay. 22 Α. You'd have to ask my lawyers. Ι 23 don't know. I assumed it was the 24 licensing agreement but maybe it's 25 something else.

Page 39 1 D. J. Trump 2 Q. Mr. Trump, how was you or any 3 organization that you control going to get paid on the Trump International Hotel and 4 5 Tower project in Fort Lauderdale? MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form. 8 Α. You'd have to ask my 9 accountants. 10 Did you get paid? Q. 11 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 12 form. 13 Α. I don't know. I think they paid 14 us something, yeah, up front for the 15 licensing. But I'm not sure what the 16 number is. 17 I'm going to ask you if you can 18 turn to page thirty-three. 19 When The Trump Organization, 20 either directly or through any of its 21 entities, enters into a licensing deal for 22 the project, presumably it negotiates fees 23 for --24 Α. Yes. 25 -- somebody else's privilege of Q.

Page 40 1 D. J. Trump 2 using the Trump license; is that correct? 3 Α. Correct. 4 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection. 5 0. Who negotiates those terms? 6 Α. Different people. 7 Such as? Q. 8 Α. Ivanka Trump, Don Trump, Eric 9 Trump. 10 Your three children? Q. 11 Yeah. Sometimes myself. It 12 depends on who's doing the deal or what 13 the deal is. 14 And once those terms are 15 hammered out, your attorneys take over and 16 create the documents? 17 Well, documents are created 18 sometimes by the other side, sometimes by 19 us. 20 On page thirty-three it says 0. 21 fees. 22 Α. Right. 23 Did Trump Lauderdale Development 24 II, LLC, were they supposed to get a 25 percentage of all the hard and soft costs

Page 41 1 D. J. Trump 2 associated with construction of the Fort 3 Lauderdale project? 4 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 5 form. I don't know. 6 Α. 7 Who negotiated how The Trump Q. Organization and its legal entities would 8 9 get paid under the Trump International 10 Hotel and Tower project? I think it was Don Trump, 11 12 Junior, my son. 13 Q. You don't have any knowledge as 14 to how much money is going to come in from 15 that project? 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 17 form. Not a great deal. I mean, I 18 19 think that my son -- I believe my son, Don 20 Trump, Junior, handled it. There's a 21 schedule of payment. But I believe it was 22 handled by my son. 23 Does it surprise you to read 24 this, as you sit here today, that the 25 class B member shall receive compensation

Page 42 1 D. J. Trump 2 for its services hereunder in an amount equal to one and a half percent of all 3 hard and soft costs of construction of the 4 5 project? MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form of the question. 8 Α. No. 9 Ο. What does that mean? 10 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 11 form. 12 Q. What do you understand that to 13 mean? 14 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form. 15 Α. Just what it says. 16 So if -- well, what are hard 0. 17 costs? 18 It's the construction costs, the 19 concrete and the brick and mortar, et 20 cetera. 21 What are soft costs? 22 The financing costs and various 23 other costs. 24 Advertising? Q. 25 Α. Yeah.

Page 43 1 D. J. Trump 2 Legal fees? Q. 3 That would be a soft cost. Α. 4 Was the Trump Lauderdale Q. 5 Development II, LLC paid this one and a half percent of the hard and soft costs? 6 7 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 8 form of the question. I don't know. You'd have to ask 9 10 my accountant. 11 Who is your accountant? 0. 12 Α. Allen Weisselberg. 13 Q. Do you know how long he's been 14 with your company? 15 Yes, over thirty years. Α. 16 And he would be able to testify 17 as to what moneys flowed into the Trump Organization and its affiliates --18 19 Α. Yes. 20 -- for this project? 0. 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. If you go to the next page, 23 which is page thirty-four, it says, "an 24 amount of \$960,000 shall be paid to the 25 class B member."

Page 44 1 D. J. Trump 2 Do you know if this amount was 3 paid? 4 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 5 form. I don't know. Didn't I already 6 Α. 7 tell you you'd have to ask my accountant? I just told you you'd have to ask my 8 9 accountant. 10 Mr. Trump, is it your testimony 11 that you personally don't know if any 12 money was made from the Fort Lauderdale 13 deal by The Trump Organization and/or its 14 affiliates? 15 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to 16 form. 17 Relatively very little money. And certainly after everything is finished 18 19 probably no money. 20 I understand. I read the 0. 21 agreements. 22 Α. What are you asking me the 23 questions for if you understand? 24 Q. You said very little money but I 25 want to know what was paid and what was

Page 45 1 D. J. Trump 2 not paid. 3 I told you you'd have to ask my 4 accountant. 5 Ο. I understand that. Exhibit 243. 6 7 Go ahead. It takes a long time between questions, I'll tell you that. 8 9 Obviously it's harassment. 10 MS. BECK: Court reporter, if you 11 would like, you can note the time in 12 between questions. I have no problems 13 with putting that in the record. 14 You might want to take a look at 0. 15 that document, Mr. Trump. It's very long. 16 Α. I've done it. 17 MR. GARTEN: Elizabeth, do you 18 want this copy? 19 MS. BECK: Thank you so much. 20 Thank you. 21 Q. Okay. 22 Mr. Trump, is that your 23 signature on --24 Α. Yes. 25 **-- 1533?** 0.

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1		D. J. Trump	
2	A. Yes.		
3	Q. Do yo	ou remember signing this	
4	letter?		
5	A. No.		
6	Q. Do yo	ou know what the letter is?	
7	A. It's	a letter to Corus Bank.	
8	Q. Okay.		
9	MR. F	RUSSOMANNO: I object to the	
10	form.		
11	Q. Do yo	ou know why you signed it?	
12	MR. F	RUSSOMANNO: I object to the	
13	form.		
14	A. I dor	n't, I don't.	
15	Q. You o	don't recollect signing it?	
16	A. No.		
17	I bel	lieve was this before	
18	Stillman?		
19	Q. No, 1	I see his signature	
20	everywhere.		
21	A. I'm r	not asking that question.	
22	I'm s	saying was this letter sent	
23	before Stillman	n entered the partnership?	
24	Q. What	partnership?	
25	A. Befor	re Stillman entered a	

Page 47 1 D. J. Trump 2 partnership with -- a partnership or 3 whatever their relationship with respect 4 to Bayrock. I'm just asking for a point 5 in reference. It's dated December 15, 2006. 6 7 And when did Stillman enter an 8 agreement with Bayrock? 9 Are you talking about Plaintiff's Exhibit 133? 10 11 No, I'm just asking that simple question, when did Stillman enter their 12 13 agreement with Bayrock? 14 0. I don't know. 15 Α. Okay. 16 But I understand Mr. Stillman --17 somebody signed it on behalf of him on 18 page TMP --19 Α. That would mean that he had 20 already entered. 21 -- 1535 and that would mean the 22 partnership you referenced earlier was 23 already entered? 24 Correct. Α. 25 MR. GILLMAN: Objection to form.

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1	D. J. Trump
2	Q. You don't know why you signed
3	this?
4	A. No, I don't.
5	MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to the
6	form.
7	Q. Mr. Trump, your signature is on
8	more than one occasion in this exhibit.
9	Are they all your signatures?
10	A. Yes, they are.
11	Q. Exhibit 244.
12	A. Okay. I have it.
13	Q. Mr. Trump, did you sign this
14	document?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. What is it?
17	A. It's a subordination agreement.
18	Q. And what was the purpose of this
19	document?
20	MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the
21	form.
22	A. To subordinate our management
23	contract to the bank.
2 4	Q. Why?
25	MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the

Page 49 1 D. J. Trump 2 form. 3 Because the -- in case of Α. 4 trouble, the bank doesn't want to have a 5 management agreement get in their way. They want to be paid first? 6 7 I don't know about being paid 8 They don't want to be stymied by 9 having a management agreement in their 10 way. 11 Why would a management agreement 0. 12 stymie the bank? 13 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to 14 form. 15 Because they may want to Α. 16 terminate the agreement. A bank will 17 always ask for lots of rights, they'll always ask for subordination. 18 19 When you say management 20 agreement, you're talking about the hotel 21 management agreement? 22 Α. Yes, I believe so. I believe 23 this relates mostly to that. 24 If you did not sign this, would Q. 25 the bank, Corus Bank, not give money?

Page 50 1 D. J. Trump 2 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to 3 form. I don't know, you'd have to ask 4 Corus Bank. I have no idea. 5 But it's very standard. 6 7 Was it your understanding that Q. when you signed Plaintiff's Exhibit 244, 8 9 the project would not get financed unless 10 you did so? 11 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 12 form. 13 Α. No, but I think it's very 14 standard language to have this. We're a 15 team player. It's very standard language 16 to sign subordination agreements to banks. 17 In virtually all deals it's done that way. 18 Exhibit 198, 199, and 200. 0. 19 Okay. I'm ready. Α. 20 You've seen this document 0. 21 before; yes? 22 Α. Yes. 23 This is the licensing agreement 24 between yourself and Bayrock Merrimac, 25 LLLP that licenses your name to the Fort

Page 51 1 D. J. Trump 2 Lauderdale project; is that correct? 3 That is correct. Α. Q. And then there's two amendments 4 5 to this agreement which are the other two exhibits? 6 7 Α. Right. 8 Q. Okay. 9 Do you remember negotiating how 10 you would get paid under this license 11 agreement? 12 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 13 form. 14 Α. No. 15 Did you negotiate the fees under Q. 16 this agreement and the amendments? 17 Α. I didn't do it personally, no. 18 It was your son? Q. 19 Α. Yes. 20 Don, Junior? Q. 21 Α. I believe it was my son, Don, 22 Junior. 23 0. Do you remember what the terms 24 were? 25 Α. No.

Page 52 1 D. J. Trump 2 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 3 form. 4 I want to direct your attention 5 to Exhibit B, which is the next to last page of this exhibit, of this agreement. 6 7 Α. Okay. It says, "license fee." 8 0. 9 Α. Okay. 10 Is this how you were going to 11 get paid under this license fee? 12 Α. Yes. 13 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 14 form. 15 Mr. Trump, do you -- back when 16 you entered into this license agreement, 17 at that time did you have an understanding of how much per square foot the units at 18 19 the Trump Fort Lauderdale project would 20 sell for? 21 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 22 form. 23 No. I don't remember that Α. 24 exactly. It was basically -- Florida 25 pricing, I think this was going to be a

Page 53 1 D. J. Trump 2 better building than most of the buildings in Florida, but I don't remember what that 3 number would have been. 4 5 Would it have -- do you remember 6 if you had an expectation of it being 7 greater than a thousand dollars per square 8 foot or you just don't remember at all? I don't remember at all. 9 Α. 10 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 11 form. 12 The next page says retail 13 component incentive, the last page of this 14 exhibit. 15 Α. Okay. 16 Of the first part of it? 17 Yes, sir. Q. 18 Go ahead. Α. 19 Is it your understanding that Q. 20 the project has hotel rooms and retail? 21 It had some retail, yes. 22 0. And other than hotel rooms and 23 retail, there's no other I guess rooms or 24 portions of the property other than that 25 and the common elements?

Page 54 1 D. J. Trump 2 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 3 form. Well, I assume we're including 4 5 the restaurant in the retail? 6 0. Yes, sir. 7 Α. No, there would be nothing else. 8 And this is how you would have Ο. 9 gotten paid for the rents received for the 10 retail section of the property if they 11 were leased? 12 Α. Whatever the agreement says. 13 Q. What was the purpose of the 14 first amendment to the license agreement? 15 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 16 form. 17 Α. (Reviewing). 18 It sounds like legal 19 technicalities to me. 20 I'm sorry? Q. 21 It sounds like legal 22 technicalities to me. I don't know. 23 have to read the entire agreement. I wish 24 you asked my lawyer or just read it 25 yourself. It would be a lot easier.

Page 55 1 D. J. Trump 2 Q. Mr. Trump, in order to move 3 things along, do you notice that this is 4 Bates stamped TMP on the bottom? 5 Α. TMP, yes. I'm going to tell you that if 6 7 it's labeled TMP, it came from your 8 attorneys. 9 Okay. 10 If any document Bates stamped 11 TMP has your signature, can you testify 12 that that is your signature so I don't 13 have to ask you every time? 14 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 15 form. 16 Α. Yes. I would love to do that. 17 Q. Are you doing it? 18 MR. GARTEN: We'll stipulate to 19 that. 20 MR. RUSSOMANNO: It's been 21 stipulated to and I believe there are 22 questions covered by Mr. Garten 23 yesterday --MR. GARTEN: I've authenticated 24 25 all these documents and said that any

Page 56 1 D. J. Trump 2 documents that has the words "TMP" is 3 authentically his signature. MR. RUSSOMANNO: And if there is 4 5 an issue about something that needs to be authenticated, you let me know. 6 7 We're not taking the position the 8 signature is not his. 9 THE WITNESS: Let's go. I'm going to direct your 10 Q. 11 attention to Plaintiff's Exhibit 200. 12 Α. Yeah. 13 On the bottom of the first page it says, "license fee." 14 15 Is this an amendment to the 16 license fee as listed in Plaintiff's 17 Exhibit 198? 18 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 19 form. 20 Well, without reading Α. 21 everything, it looks like that, yes. 22 Q. Let me ask you this, Mr. Trump. 23 It says a fee, "the additional 24 fee equal to forty percent of licensee's 25 share of income received by licensee

Page 57 1 D. J. Trump 2 pursuant to the rental agreements after 3 payment of all operating expenses and other costs relating thereto which are 4 5 licensee's responsibility pursuant to the applicable rental agreement." 6 7 What is your understanding of what that fee is? 8 9 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 10 11 It sounds like something having 12 to do with some retail or some rental 13 income coming in. 14 What about the hotel rooms? Ιs 15 this fee associated with managing the 16 hotel rooms? 17 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form. 18 I don't know, you'd have to ask Α. 19 my attorneys. I just don't know. 20 Or your son? Q. 21 Α. Perhaps. 22 Q. Exhibit 245. 23 Mr. Trump, what are estoppel 24 certificates? 25 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the

Page 58 1 D. J. Trump 2 form. It's a certificate that 3 Α. 4 everything is basically okay as of the 5 date. Why did you sign this estoppel 6 7 certificate? 8 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 9 10 Α. It's something a lender needs 11 and wants signed from usually a management 12 company or anybody having any kind of 13 involvement with a project and that there 14 were no defaults, et cetera, et cetera. 15 Q. Okay. 16 Who generally signs estoppel 17 certificates? I assume the developer signs an estoppel certificate; right? 18 19 A management company would sign. Α. 20 People that have any involvement would 21 have to sign an estoppel certificate for a 22 lender. Usually a lender would be asking 23 for it. 24 Q. Okay. 25 I presume though vendors would

Page 59 1 D. J. Trump 2 not be required to sign estoppel 3 certificates? 4 Α. In some cases they would be. 5 0. What kind of vendors? MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form. I don't know. If a vendor is 8 9 involved heavily in a project, they might 10 be asked to sign by a bank. It depends on 11 what the bank wants. Corus is a bank. 12 depends on what the bank wants. 13 Q. And you said that estoppel 14 certificates are signed to say that 15 everything is okay? 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 17 form. Essentially that you're 18 19 satisfied and that you've been paid to 20 date, et cetera, et cetera. 21 But signing this agreement 22 you're saying that you were paid as of 23 this date? 24 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 25 form.

Page 60 1 D. J. Trump 2 Well, let's see. Α. 3 What's the date of this 4 agreement? 5 December 15, 2006. It would basically -- an 6 Α. 7 estoppel is the bank wants to know that I'm happy, that everything's happy that 8 going forward things could change but that 9 10 as of that date you're satisfied with 11 things. 12 Q. Okay. 13 Does a bank require estoppel 14 certificates to be signed as a condition 15 of them giving money? 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 17 form. 18 Not always but, generally Α. 19 speaking, I would say yes. 20 Was it in this case? 0. 21 It sounds like it. This is an Α. 22 estoppel. 23 Exhibit 202. Ο. 24 Α. Okay. 25 What was this document before? Q.

Page 61 1 D. J. Trump 2 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 3 form. It's a preopening agreement. 4 Α. 5 And why did you sign it? 0. MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form. 8 I guess it's a document talking 9 about the opening of the hotels and the 10 various responsibilities. 11 Were you to get paid under this? Q. MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 12 13 form. 14 I don't know. I really don't 15 know. You'd have to ask my attorneys. 16 Mr. Trump, there's a lot of 17 legal entities in this case all with the word "Trump" in it. 18 19 If a document is entered into by 20 you individually versus a legal entity --21 MS. BECK: Let me start over. 22 I'm going to direct your 23 attention to Plaintiff's Exhibit 245, the one right before you, and also two hundred 24 25 two which is the one right before you.

Page 62 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. You're going backwards. 3 Both of them. 0. 4 Now, the hotel preopening 5 agreement is entered into by SB Hotel Associates and Trump Florida Management, 6 7 LLC. 8 Α. Right. 9 What is Trump Florida 10 Management, LLC? 11 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 12 form. 13 I believe that's the management 14 company that was going to manage the 15 hotel, which we were prepared to do. 16 If an agreement is entered into 17 by the hotel management company, would it be between the other party and Trump 18 19 Florida Management, LLC? 20 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 21 form. 22 Α. I have no idea. You'd have to 23 ask my lawyer. 24 Q. I want to ask you, Mr. Trump, 25 the estoppel certificates that were

Page 63 1 D. J. Trump 2 signed, you entered into them -- the 3 estoppel certificates were signed by you 4 in your individual capacity and also on 5 behalf of Trump International Hotels 6 Management, LLC. 7 Did you sign these documents 8 because the bank asked you in your 9 individual capacity and also under these 10 other entities to sign it? 11 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 12 form. 13 As I told you, estoppels are 14 standard for a bank to get. This is a 15 standard agreement that all banks require 16 prior to lending money, for the most part. 17 Is it your belief that the bank asked to sign this estoppel certificate 18 19 prior to handing out the money because you 20 were the hotel management company or the 21 licensor, both or neither? 22 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 23 form. 24 Α. Perhaps both. 25 Who is SB Hotel Associates, LLC? Q.

Page 64 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. I think that's Stillman, Roy 3 Stillman. 4 His company? Q. 5 Α. His company, yes. 6 MR. GILLMAN: Objection to form. 7 And is it your understanding Q. 8 that SB Hotel Associates, LLC is the 9 developer of that project? That's my understanding, yes. 10 Α. 11 What other developers of that 0. 12 project do you know of? 13 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 14 form. 15 Α. I don't know of any. 16 0. Just SB Hotel Associates, LLC? 17 Α. I believe that's correct. 18 Q. And what underpins that belief? 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 20 form. 21 Why do you think that? Ο. 22 Α. General knowledge. General 23 knowledge of the project. I believe that 24 that was the developer. You'd have to 25 speak to my lawyers. But I believe that

Page 65 1 D. J. Trump 2 was the developer of the project. 3 It's a legal --4 You'd have to ask that question 5 to my lawyers. What about Bayrock, Bayrock 6 7 Group, LLC, were they a developer? I don't know if they were a 8 Α. 9 developer of this site or not. I know Roy 10 Stillman's company was the developer and 11 they worked very hard. I don't know 12 whether or not Bayrock was the developer 13 of this site. 14 What is your understanding of 15 their role in this project? 16 Well, they originally wanted to be the developer but ultimately they sold 17 it to Roy Stillman. 18 19 Is it your belief that they 20 exited out of the project? 21 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 22 form. 23 I don't know. You'd have to ask Α. 24 my lawyers. I don't know. 25 Exhibit 203. Q.

Page 66 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. Okay. 3 This is an agreement between 0. 4 your company that was to manage the Trump 5 Fort Lauderdale hotel --6 Α. Right. 7 Q. -- and SB Hotel Associates; is that right? 8 9 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 10 form. 11 Yes. Α. 12 Q. Okay. 13 If your company was to get paid for managing the hotel, those terms would 14 15 be in this agreement before you? 16 I think so, yes. 17 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 18 form. 19 Any other agreement? 20 Α. I don't know, but I think this 21 would be the agreement, unless it was 22 amended. 23 Exhibit 204 and 205. Ο. 24 How far back do you go with Mr. 25 Roy Stillman?

Page 67 1 D. J. Trump 2 With who? Α. 3 Mr. Roy Stillman. Ο. 4 I don't go back that far. I met Α. 5 him because of this job, so I go back to the time where I was introduced to him 6 7 through Bayrock. And so it would be about 8 that time. I found him to be a very 9 hardworking man. 10 What are these documents, Mr. 11 Trump? 12 Α. This is the development and 13 services agreement. 14 These were later cancelled and Ο. 15 superseded. 16 Do you remember? 17 Α. No, I don't. 18 Q. You don't. Okay. 19 Do you know why you would enter 20 into -- excuse me, Trump Lauderdale 21 Development, LLC would enter into a 22 development and services agreement? 23 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 24 form. 25 Α. No.

Page 68 1 D. J. Trump 2 Q. Do you know what the purpose is 3 of a development and services agreement? 4 Α. Yes. 5 0. What is it for? 6 Α. To develop and service a job. 7 What job is that? Q. 8 In this case, I would assume it Α. 9 would be the job in Fort Lauderdale. 10 This was before Mr. Stillman, I 11 He ended up taking over this role 12 when he bought this project, I assume. 13 Q. You spoke earlier that you and 14 Bayrock were contemplating becoming the 15 developer for the Fort Lauderdale project? 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 17 form. 18 I don't know in terms of 19 contemplating. We were thinking about 20 building the job, but we never got there 21 because Mr. Stillman purchased it. 22 0. And this document --23 I think it preceded Mr. 24 Stillman. I may be wrong. You'd have to 25 speak to my lawyers. But this probably

Page 69 1 D. J. Trump 2 was probably a development and services 3 agreement as though we were going to build 4 it but we ultimately didn't do that or I 5 didn't do that certainly. So you entered into this as part 6 7 of the paperwork that shows that you and 8 Bayrock were contemplating building the 9 building? 10 Α. Correct. 11 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 12 form. 13 Α. Correct. 14 Exhibit 201. 0. 15 Α. Okay. 16 Now, the development and 17 services agreement that I just placed before you, that was dated June 30, 2004; 18 19 is that correct? 20 Right, terminated by this Α. 21 letter. 22 0. And this letter --23 October 24. Α. 24 This letter references a license Q. 25 agreement?

Page 70 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. Right. 3 Is that the license agreement, Ο. Exhibit 198? 4 5 Α. I don't know. Probably. Well, let's pull it out. 6 0. 7 Α. Let's do that. Exhibit 198 and the two 8 0. 9 amendments. 10 MR. RUSSOMANNO III: One hundred 11 ninety-eight, one hundred ninety-nine, 12 and two hundred; is that what you 13 want? 14 MS. BECK: Yes, sir. Go ahead. Let's go. 15 Α. Are those three, the license 16 17 agreement and the two amendments that were introduced earlier, is that the license 18 19 agreement that Plaintiff's Exhibit 201 is 20 referencing on its first page? 21 It sounds like it, but you'd 22 have to ask my lawyer. 23 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 24 form. Is there more than one license 25 Ο.

Page 71 1 D. J. Trump 2 agreement for the Trump Fort Lauderdale 3 project between you or any of your 4 companies and any other entity? 5 Α. I don't know. MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form. 8 0. Do you remember signing any such 9 document? 10 Α. No, no. I doubt it, but you'd 11 have to ask my lawyers. 12 Mr. Trump, we talked earlier 13 about the Trump standards. 14 Do you recollect? 15 Uh-huh. Α. 16 Are the Trump standards -- do 17 you know if the Trump standards have been reduced to writing? 18 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 20 21 Α. You'd have to ask my son. 22 Q. Which one? 23 Α. Don. 24 Exhibit 214 and 215. Q. 25 Have you ever seen these

Page 72 1 D. J. Trump 2 documents before? I think I have. I've seen them. 3 Α. 4 I haven't gone over them in great detail, 5 but I've seen them. Is this an example of the Trump 6 7 standards? 8 Α. Yes. And Exhibit 215, this is an 9 10 example of the Trump standards I guess for 11 food and beverage? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Who at your organization determines how these documents are 14 15 created? 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 17 form. 18 Mr. Jim Petrus of The Trump 19 Organization. 20 Is he still with your company? Q. 21 Α. Yes, he is. 22 Do you personally have any input 23 into what goes into the Trump standards, 24 these brochures, these documents before 25 you?

Page 73 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. Yes. 3 And how is your input solicited? Ο. 4 Just overall input; I want Α. 5 location, I want beautiful buildings, I want important buildings, I want things 6 7 that are basics, and then my people would 8 get into the details. Other than Jim Petrus, who else 9 10 is involved with securing the Trump 11 standards? 12 Primarily Mr. Petrus. He's the 13 head of the hotel company. 14 Were the Trump standards always 0. 15 -- well, it couldn't have been always. 16 When is the earliest point in 17 time when the Trump standards were put 18 into writing such as in Exhibits 214 19 and 215? I don't know. You'd have to ask 20 Α. 21 my lawyers. 22 0. Your lawyers or Mr. Petrus? 23 Α. Mr. Petrus. 24 How long has Mr. Petrus been Q. 25 with your company?

Page 74 1 D. J. Trump 2 Quite a while, four or five Α. 3 years. 4 Do you know if the Trump Q. 5 standards were in writing prior to Mr. 6 Petrus being at your company? 7 We always had high standards. don't know if it was reduced to writing. 8 Exhibit 248 and 249. 9 Q. 10 Mr. Trump, why did you not 11 develop the project in Fort Lauderdale 12 yourself? 13 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 14 form. 15 Because somebody came along that Α. 16 wanted to develop it and basically it was 17 more of a Bayrock thing than us. And Mr. Stillman came along and made an offer I 18 19 quess to Bayrock and he became the 20 developer of the project. 21 0. Okay. 22 I never developed the project. 23 I don't know how Bayrock was involved, but 24 I never developed the project. Obviously 25 you've spoken to Bayrock so you know how

Page 75 1 D. J. Trump 2 they were involved, but I can't speak for 3 Bayrock. Exhibit 248 and 249. 4 Q. 5 Have you ever seen this fax in Exhibit 248? Have you ever seen this 6 7 document before? 8 Α. No. There's a letter here from Mr. 9 Donald Trump, Junior. 10 Why is your son making changes 11 12 to the floor plans to the project? 13 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 14 form. 15 He's looking for quality. Α. 16 wants to make sure everything is in 17 beautiful shape in terms of size, in terms of quality, so he may have changed things 18 19 because he wants them to be according to the standards. 20 21 The Trump standards? 0. 22 Α. Yeah. 23 Who determines whether or not 24 something is -- rises to the level of a 25 Trump standard?

Page 76 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. The group, Don Trump, Junior, 3 maybe Mr. Petrus. And that decision is made how? 4 Q. 5 Α. By them. They'd look at the They see a plan they don't like and 6 7 they'd make it so they do like it. They'll increase the standard. 8 9 Q. Okay. Plaintiff's Exhibit 249. 10 11 Α. Yeah. 12 Q. Have you ever seen this document before? 13 14 Yes, I believe so. It was Α. 15 passed through me but I haven't seen it in 16 a long time. 17 Q. Okay. 18 Who gave it to you to look at? 19 Α. I don't know. I just saw it. 20 And why would you see it? 0. 21 Α. I don't know. It was passed 22 along the chain and I got to see it. 23 0. Did you see it basically to make 24 sure that you wouldn't issue a disapproval 25 of it?

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2	A. No.
3	MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the
4	form.
5	A. No, not at all. I just happened
6	to see it. Pretty standard stuff.
7	Q. The last page of Plaintiff's
8	Exhibit 249, is that your writing?
9	A. Yes, it is.
10	Q. What is Stiles Construction
11	Company?
12	A. I don't know.
13	Q. Are you aware of who they are in
14	general?
15	A. No. I'm not the developer of
16	the site; you remember? I'm not the
17	developer.
18	Q. But you are a developer.
19	MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the
20	form.
21	A. I develop other things. I
22	didn't develop this job.
23	Q. Have you ever heard of Stiles
2 4	Construction before?
25	A. Not to my recollection, I

Page 78 1 D. J. Trump 2 haven't. That doesn't sound familiar to 3 me. 4 When you develop a job, do you Q. 5 always hire a construction company? MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form of the question. 8 Α. Usually you hire a construction 9 company, yes. 10 Okay. Q. 11 And what does the job of a 12 developer entail vis-a-vis the 13 construction company? 14 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to form. 15 Repetitious. Asked and 16 answered. 17 Are we going to go through this Α. again? Didn't we go through this before 18 19 for twenty minutes? You want to go 20 through it again? 21 Exhibit 169, 176, 181, 182, 184, and 186. 22 23 Okay. I'm ready. Α. 24 Q. Okay. 25 You defaulted Stillman's

Page 79 1 D. J. Trump 2 company? 3 Α. I didn't default. Who defaulted them? 4 Ο. 5 Α. You said I defaulted. 6 0. Yes. 7 No, I didn't default. We sent a Α. default notice to Mr. Stillman's company. 8 Well, there's a difference. 9 10 Q. Okay. 11 What's the difference? 12 Α. Why don't you ask the question 13 properly? Did I send a default notice to 14 the Stillman company? Yes, we did. 15 Q. Okay. 16 When you say we, you're talking 17 about a company that you control? 18 Α. Yes. 19 That's the distinction that you Q. 20 were making earlier? 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. Why did a company that you 23 control default Roy Stillman's company? 24 MR. GILLMAN: Objection to the 25 form.

Page 80 1 D. J. Trump 2 You mean SB Hotel? 3 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to the form. 4 5 MS. BECK: SB Hotel. Because they had failed to do 6 7 certain things in accordance with our 8 agreement. 9 Do you recollect what they were? 10 Α. No, I don't remember. But they 11 failed to live up to the agreement that we 12 had. 13 Q. The license agreement? 14 The agreement, whatever the Α. 15 agreement was, they were not living up to 16 it. 17 Do you know if the bank was copied on any of that correspondence? 18 19 Α. I don't know. 20 Do you know if Corus Bank was 0. 21 notified --22 Α. I don't know. 23 -- that your company had 24 defaulted SB Hotel Associates, LLC? 25 I don't know. Α.

Page 81 1 D. J. Trump 2 Well, look at Plaintiff's Q. 3 Exhibit 169, please. 4 Α. Okay. 5 This is a letter from your 6 daughter to Corus Bank letting them know 7 that the license agreement -- under the 8 license agreement between Trump Marks Fort Lauderdale, LLC, SB Hotel Associates, LLC 9 10 has been defaulted; is that correct? 11 Uh-huh, yes. Α. 12 Why was Corus Bank notified; do 13 you know? 14 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 15 form of the question. 16 You'd have to ask my lawyers. 17 They probably have a legal reason why they had to be notified. 18 19 Do you feel that this may have 20 been somewhat -- copying the bank may have 21 been somewhat destructive of the property? 22 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 23 form of the question. 24 Α. No, I don't think so. I think 25 it's a standard thing. The bank would

Page 82 1 D. J. Trump 2 demand to know. If we didn't copy it, I 3 think it would have been very destructive 4 of the property. I think you have no 5 choice. The bank would have demanded it. And frankly, if you didn't, the developer 6 7 would have had to send a notice to the bank anyway immediately; otherwise, they 8 9 wouldn't be showing what's going on. 10 Exhibit 176, this is the notice 11 of default to the Stillman Organization; 12 is that correct? 13 Α. Yeah. 14 Okay. 0. 15 It talks about the Trump 16 standard. 17 Is it your testimony that the reason this notice of default was sent was 18 19 because the Trump standards were not being 20 met? 21 MR. GILLMAN: Objection to form. 22 Α. I think that and other things. 23 You'll have to speak to my attorney but I 24 think that and other things. 25 Well, what other things? Q.

Page 83 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. Well, it says you have to 3 complete construction, fit out, furnishing of the restaurant and the bar and the 4 5 kitchen, which wasn't done. So that's not just standards, that's basics. 6 7 Was it delayed or was it not 8 getting done ever? MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 9 form. 10 11 It was delayed and it looks like 12 it was not going to get done. 13 Do you know if it's done now? 14 I don't know, no. I don't know 15 what happened with it. 16 Does a delay in the project's 17 completion constitute a breach of the license agreement? 18 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 20 form. 21 Probably, but you'd have to ask 22 my attorneys. 23 Do you feel that this notice of 24 default made a bad situation worse? 25 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the

Page 84 1 D. J. Trump 2 form of the question. 3 We had no choice. Α. 4 Why not? Q. 5 Α. The building wasn't being completed and we had no choice. 6 7 Was it your belief at the time that the building would never have been 8 9 complete? 10 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 11 form of the question. 12 I didn't know what was 13 happening. All I know is we had a 14 management agreement and we have our name 15 on the building and if it's not going to 16 be completed or it's not going to be 17 finished not only in a timely manner but 18 finished period, then we don't want to be 19 involved with it and we have every right to send this and we obviously did send 20 21 this. 22 If and when that building is 23 finished, is it your position that that 24 building is not entitled to hold the Trump 25 name anywhere?

Page 85 1 D. J. Trump 2 Yes, because we defaulted them. Α. Yes, we took our name off that building. 3 4 You're talking about finished 5 now? Well, yes. 6 0. 7 Well, now a new group will own 8 the building and does own the building at 9 some point. I don't know what's happening with the building now. But the building 10 11 had to be finished and it had to be 12 finished in accordance with what we were 13 doing and with our standards and with our 14 letters and it wasn't finished and it 15 looked like it was quite a bit delayed, to 16 put it mildly. 17 Mr. Trump, if the building, if 18 and when it's finished, if it does meet a 19 certain standard of luxury that will meet 20 the Trump standards, is it still your 21 position that it is not entitled to hold 22 the Trump name anywhere? 23 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 24 form. 25 Α. The new owners would have to

Page 86 1 D. J. Trump 2 come to us and make a deal with us. 3 Start over? 0. 4 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 5 form of the question. Yeah, the new owners of the 6 7 building would have to come to us to make a deal. 8 9 O. Enter into a new license 10 agreement? 11 Yes, a brand-new license 12 agreement. 13 Q. Which may or may not happen? 14 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 15 form of the question. 16 Which may or may not happen, 17 yeah. 18 And that is up to you to decide? 0. 19 Well, and the new owners. Α. 20 0. Exhibit 181. 21 Α. Go ahead. 22 Q. Do you remember speaking about 23 defaulting the SB Hotel Associates, LLC 24 with your daughter? 25 Α. Yes, I do.

Page 87 1 D. J. Trump 2 Q. Okay. 3 What was the content of that 4 conversation? 5 Α. She was very unhappy with the fact the job wasn't being built in a 6 7 timely manner, it wasn't being built 8 according to what our hotel 9 representatives felt it should be, and I 10 guess this was the beginning of the 11 letters that was sent. 12 Q. Who hired the hotel staff? 13 Α. Mr. Petrus. 14 Who paid the hotel staff? 0. 15 I don't know. Α. 16 Do you know how payroll at your 17 organization and its affiliated companies 18 work? 19 It's very different for each Α. 20 company. 21 Can employees of your 22 organization and its affiliated companies 23 all -- it's not true that each of your 24 affiliated companies has its own payroll? 25 Would you know that?

Page 88 1 D. J. Trump 2 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 3 form. 4 Some do have their own payroll Α. 5 and some don't. This would have had its 6 own payroll. 7 When you're talking about this, Q. 8 you're talking about what? 9 Α. Again, it's not our company. 10 This was this is a company that was owned 11 by somebody else. We're just the manager 12 of the building and the licensee. 13 Q. You're talking about Trump 14 International Hotels Management, LLC? 15 I'm talking about the building Α. in Fort Lauderdale that you're talking 16 17 about. 18 You're talking about the people 19 who would work at the hotel as its staff 20 would have their own payroll, is what 21 you're saying? 22 Α. I think so. Most likely. 23 0. Why? 24 Α. Because it's a separate entity 25 and it's not owned by The Trump

Page 89 1 D. J. Trump 2 Organization. 3 When you say it's not owned by Ο. The Trump Organization, who would own it? 4 5 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 form of the question. 7 I just told you about fifteen 8 This is Mr. Stillman's company. 9 Mr. Stillman is the developer of this 10 I don't know what the Bayrock 11 involvement is, whether they were an owner 12 or not. Mr. Stillman is the developer of 13 this site. 14 0. What about the hotel management 15 company? 16 Α. That's different. 17 Q. You would own that; yes? 18 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 19 form of the question. 20 Yes, but you didn't ask me that. 21 You said who would own the building. 22 own the management company. 23 0. Right. 24 As I've said many times. Α. 25 Plaintiff's Exhibit 183. Ο.

Page 90 1 D. J. Trump 2 Go ahead. Α. Yes. 3 Do you remember getting this 0. from Mr. Stillman? 4 5 Α. No. When something is addressed to 6 0. 7 you --8 Α. I remember vaguely. I gave it 9 to my lawyers. 10 Q. Okay. 11 When your company and yourself entered into all these agreements prior to 12 13 the project beginning, was there an 14 understanding about how the hotel revenues 15 would be divided between an owner of a unit and whoever is managing the unit? 16 17 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 18 form. 19 I think that would be up to the Α. 20 hotel management people to make sure the 21 distributions were made in accordance with 22 a certain procedure. 23 Hotel management people meaning 0. 24 your company? 25 Mr. Petrus and perhaps Mr. Α.

Page 91 1 D. J. Trump 2 Stillman, working as the owner of the 3 project, you know, the development, they 4 would have to work something out. 5 Does the word "split" mean anything to you, a hotel room split 6 between owner and manager? 7 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 8 9 form of the question. 10 Α. Yeah, it's a standard phrase. 11 0. What's the split in SoHo? 12 Α. I don't know. You'd have to ask 13 my accountants. I really don't know what the split is. 14 15 Exhibit 184. Q. 16 Α. Yes. 17 This is a continuation of your 0. correspondence with Mr. Roy Stillman? 18 19 Α. Correct. 20 In the dispute over the license Q. 21 agreement? 22 Α. Yes. 23 Ο. And Exhibit 186. 24 Α. Yes. 25 This is also a continuation of Q.

Page 92 1 D. J. Trump 2 that correspondence? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Mr. Trump, all the letters that 5 were sent by you or --By the way, when I talk about 6 7 Roy Stillman, SB Hotel, as you know, is 8 the developer. Well, yes, I --9 10 Α. I'm talking about SB Hotel which 11 I believe Mr. Stillman owns. But SB Hotel 12 is the developer, not Mr. Stillman. 13 Q. I understand that your position 14 is that SB Hotel Associates, LLC is the 15 developer. 16 Whatever the name of that entity 17 is, just so you can be clear on that. 18 Is it because SB Hotel 19 Associates, LLC built the building; is 20 that why --21 MR. GILLMAN: Objection to the 22 form of the question. 23 Α. I just told you, that's the name 24 of the entity that's developing the site, 25 SB Hotel.

Page 93 1 D. J. Trump 2 Q. Okay. 3 And how do you determine which 4 entity is the entity that's developing a 5 particular site? MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form of the question. 8 Α. They're known as the developer 9 and the legal entity is the developer. 10 How do you determine which legal 11 entity is the developer? 12 You'd have to ask their lawyers 13 and our lawyers. 14 Exhibits 184, 182, 181, 176, 15 and 169, are the contents of these 16 exhibits true? 17 MR. GILLMAN: I object to form. 18 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 19 form of the question. 20 Α. I don't know what you mean by 21 true. 22 You mean do I see the exhibits? 23 Yes. 24 Are they true? 25 Yes. Q.

Page 94 1 D. J. Trump 2 These are letters written to me; Α. 3 right? 4 No, sir, they're all sent out on Q. 5 Trump Marks Fort Lauderdale, LLC letterhead. 6 7 This was written by SB Hotel, Α. 8 they weren't written by us. 9 Exhibit 169 --0. 10 Α. Wait a minute, one hundred 11 eighty-six, you said one hundred 12 eighty-six. 13 No, I started over. 14 Well, you didn't do that. Α. 15 gave us the wrong exhibits. 16 Yes, one hundred sixty-nine is 17 true. 18 All the letters sent out on 19 Trump Marks Fort Lauderdale, LLC --20 Α. Yes, that would be true. 21 They are all true? Ο. 22 Α. But you didn't ask that question 23 You asked about somebody else's before. 24 letters. 25 Well, let me start over. Q.

Page 95 1 D. J. Trump 2 The letters that were sent out Α. 3 on Trump or like signed by Ivanka Trump, 4 yes, we believe they are true. 5 And they are true today? MR. GILLMAN: I object to form. 6 7 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 8 Yes. I mean, I don't know what 9 10 your definition of today is. 11 You still believe that they're 0. 12 true today? 13 MR. GILLMAN: I object to form. 14 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 15 form. 16 Α. Yes. 17 MS. BECK: Exhibit 324. 18 (Whereupon, a copy of a 19 newspaper article was marked 20 Plaintiff's Exhibit 324 21 for identification.) 22 MS. BECK: It's Bates stamped BAY-1TRIL 000179 and 180. 23 24 THE WITNESS: Let's go. I'm 25 ready.

Page 96 1 D. J. Trump 2 Did you ever read this article Q. 3 before? No, I haven't. 4 Α. 5 Mr. Trump, why -- adding your name to a building adds value; is that 6 7 correct? 8 Α. Yes. 9 Ο. How much? 10 Α. I don't know. It depends on the 11 location, it depends on the building, but 12 typically it would add value. 13 Q. On the low end and high end do 14 you have numbers per square foot? 15 Α. No. I want to direct your attention 16 17 to the second page of this article. 18 On the bottom of the middle 19 column it says, "a New York real estate 20 brokerage once estimated Trump's name adds 21 about eighteen percent to prices a 22 condominium tower can charge." 23 Do you disagree with that? 24 I think it's higher, but Α. 25 eighteen percent is substantial.

Page 97 1 D. J. Trump 2 think it would be actually much higher in 3 many cases. 4 It also goes on to say, "this 5 gentleman thought Trump could probably tack at least a \$200 a foot premium in 6 Fort Lauderdale." 7 8 Do you agree with that? Yeah, I do. I think that's 9 Α. 10 true. 11 MS. BECK: This is also a new 12 exhibit, Exhibit 325. 13 (Whereupon, an e-mail dated 14 May 13, 2009 was marked Plaintiff's 15 Exhibit 325 for identification.) 16 MS. BECK: And it's Bates stamped 17 CCVPROD 0003086 and 3087. 18 And in conjunction with this 19 one, I also have Plaintiff's 20 Exhibit 326, which is Bates marked 21 CCVPROD 0003097 up to 3100, four 22 pages. 23 (Whereupon, a letter dated 24 June 2, 2009 was marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 326 for identification.) 25

Page 98 1 D. J. Trump 2 THE WITNESS: Are you ready? 3 MR. GILLMAN: Excuse me, I have 4 to see Exhibit 326. They didn't 5 provide me with copies. MR. RUSSOMANNO III: We'll give 6 7 him the marked one real quick. 8 MR. GARTEN: Go ahead, Elizabeth. 9 Ask the question. 10 Have you ever seen this e-mail 11 exchange between Mr. Tom Manno and Roy 12 Stillman before? 13 Α. No, I have not. 14 Do you know who Mr. Tom Manno 0. 15 is? 16 Α. No, I do not. 17 Okay. Q. 18 In the first e-mail of 19 Plaintiff's Exhibit 325, Mr. Stillman 20 says, "please understand that the Trumps 21 shot a well-placed torpedo that has had 22 the intended effect. They had every 23 reason to think that their letter would 24 cause a default with the bank and 25 cessation of funding. It did."

Page 99 1 D. J. Trump 2 Do you agree with that? 3 Α. No. 4 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 5 form of that question. Do you know what he's referring 6 7 to when he talks about a well-placed 8 torpedo? No, I don't. 9 They were in 10 default, they understood they were in 11 default, and that's it. It was a very 12 simple and open process. They were in 13 default. They hadn't lived up to the 14 agreement. And we sent them a letter of 15 default. 16 0. The license agreement? 17 Α. Yeah. Did you ever have a conversation 18 Q. 19 with Mr. Stillman regarding the license 20 agreement prior to sending out the letter 21 of default? 22 Α. I believe -- I mean, I had 23 numerous conversations with him saying get 24 going, get going, get it going, get the 25 building going. I had actually heard the

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bank stopped funding before this, but again that was only hearsay. But there was reasons for default and you see that in the default notice.

- Q. Is it your position that the default notice is justified even if it turned out that it was not within Mr. Stillman or SB Hotel Associates, LLC or the Stillman Organization's control?
- MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form.
 - A. Well, he was the developer so he had the control.
- MR. GILLMAN: Join.
- A. He was the developer. He had the control.
 - Now, I don't think there's any question about that. As the developer, he had the control. Now, I can't speak to his relationship with his bank. I had heard Corus didn't fund before this, but that's up to Mr. Stillman and his bank. I don't know.
 - Q. Mr. Stillman is the primary

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Page 101 1 D. J. Trump 2 person that dealt with the bank? 3 Α. Well, we didn't deal with the bank. 4 5 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 6 7 Q. Why not? 8 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 9 10 Α. Because as I've said about 11 fifteen times today, we just -- we were 12 the manager. We have a management 13 agreement. Mr. Stillman was the 14 developer. 15 Q. So it wouldn't be -- you 16 wouldn't be interested in knowing about 17 what's going on with the bank? 18 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 19 form of the question. 20 We have to rely on the 21 developer. He's the developer. We relied 22 very heavily on Mr. Stillman as the 23 developer. 24 What about the estoppel 25 certificates that were signed?

Page 102 1 D. J. Trump 2 Standard. Everybody signs them Α. 3 for a bank. You have no choice. 4 That was sent to you via Mr. Q. 5 Stillman, those estoppel certificates? MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form. 8 No, I think probably through the 9 bank, actually. Very standard. 10 Other than the estoppel 11 certificates, what other interactions did 12 you or your organization or its affiliates have with Corus Bank? 13 14 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 15 16 Nothing that I would know of. 17 You mentioned earlier that it 0. was within Mr. Stillman's control. 18 19 What about the lack of funding 20 that he is referencing, was that within 21 his control? 22 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 23 form. 24 MR. GILLMAN: Objection to the 25 form.

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- A. Yeah, because if the building were built in a timely manner and according to plans and specifications, the bank would have to fund.
- Q. Are you aware that Corus Bank no longer exists?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. What is your response to the statement that funding dried up because Corus Bank was in financial difficulties?

 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form.
- A. That's possible, that's possible. And that would not be Mr. Stillman's fault. Corus Bank is a known troubled bank and I don't even know if it exists any longer. And it was known for quite some time, including the time toward the end of this project. So that's possible. And if that's the case, then Mr. Stillman, he cannot be responsible for a major bank that fails. That was a very big bank.
 - Q. You mentioned earlier -- you

Page 104 1 D. J. Trump 2 referenced a crash in the real estate 3 market? 4 Α. Yes. 5 And in connection with that crash, financing dried up? 6 7 In connection with -- well, I don't know about this financing but 8 9 generally speaking financing dried up. Your clients are actually very 10 11 lucky that they didn't close on their 12 units because their units would be worth 13 about twenty-five percent of what they 14 would have paid. 15 Mr. Trump --Q. 16 So they're very lucky. So tell 17 your clients they got very lucky. 18 Mr. Trump, they testified under Q. 19 oath that they would still like to close. 20 Oh, I don't think so, I don't Α. 21 think so. Unless they have a death wish. 22 Their units would be worth -- just because 23 of the market, not because of the 24 building. But if you look at the market, 25 the market is much lower right now.

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- your clients got very lucky that they didn't close. They saved a lot of money and therefore you have absolutely no damages, in my opinion.
- Q. Mr. Trump, you said the market is bad.
 - A. Yeah, very bad.
 - Q. The market is bad uniformly?
- A. The market is very bad throughout the United States and in large cases throughout the world, yes.
- Q. All property basically depreciated in value?
- MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to form.
 - A. Yes, I would say almost all property depreciated and properties in this area and in Miami and Fort Lauderdale depreciated not just a little bit but tremendous numbers. And as I said before and as I alert my lawyers and your lawyers and everybody else, the fact is that your clients got very lucky that they didn't purchase these units because they saved a

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tremendous amount of money because their properties would be worth much less right now just because the market conditions.

So congratulate your clients.

Q. Mr. Trump, if property values plummeted, was your concern with removing your name from the building being associated with a building that would be valued considerably less than what you originally anticipated?

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A. No, my concern was we wanted to have a nice hotel that would be open and beautiful and, when people came in, it would be an absolutely beautiful building, and unfortunately that wasn't taking place. Whether values went up or down, that wasn't taking place because whether it was Corus Bank or whether it was Mr. Stillman or his company, the building wasn't being completed. We would love to have a hotel there and unfortunately it wasn't getting built and that's too bad.

Page 107 1 D. J. Trump 2 But your clients had no damages because 3 they would have lost a tremendous amount 4 of money, as did all other people that 5 bought apartments or just about all other people at that time because the market 6 7 crashed. So your clients have no damages. 8 They got very lucky. 9 What about the money they put 10 down? 11 That was much less than they 12 would have lost in terms of the 13 depreciation of their units. 14 What about the money they put Ο. 15 down? 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 17 form. The money they put down is 18 Α. 19 peanuts compared to the value of 20 depreciation. If you sit down with a 21 piece of paper and a pencil, you'll find 22 that out. Even you will be able to figure 23 that out. 24 Q. You called it peanuts. 25 They're not entitled to those

Page 108 D. J. Trump peanuts? I said to you that the money Α. that they put down and the money they got back and have gotten back, will get back, is very little compared to the amount of -- to the loss of value that all people in Florida and many, many other places, California, Arizona, and throughout the United States have lost. If you look at home values where they went down fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, and ninety percent, so they did not -- in other words, had this building been built and had they been forced to close on their

0. You mentioned earlier money that they're going to get.

units, they would have lost a tremendous

- I don't know what the situation is, but if they get money back --
 - Q. What money?

amount of money.

I don't know. But if there's money available to be given back, that's fine as far as what I'm concerned.

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Page 109 1 D. J. Trump 2 Q. Have you ever seen Plaintiff's 3 Exhibit 326 before? Not that I know of. 4 5 Are you aware that Stiles 6 Construction placed a lien on the building 7 in an amount of over \$2 million? I'm not aware of that, no. 8 Α. Plaintiff's Exhibit 168. 9 Ο. 10 Have you ever seen this letter 11 before? 12 Α. It doesn't seen say who he's 13 written to. 14 I didn't black that out. This 15 was produced by your companies. 16 Not by my company. 17 It says TMP on the bottom. Q. 18 I don't know what this letter is. I haven't seen it. I mean, important 19 20 sections are redacted. 21 Do you know why this says 22 confidential on the bottom, Mr. Trump? 23 Α. No, I have no idea. 24 Q. Okay. 25 Mr. Trump, what was your

Page 110 1 D. J. Trump 2 understanding of the conditions that had to be in place for the hotel to open? 3 4 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 5 form of the question. It's got to be a completed 6 7 building. The building wasn't completed. 8 According to the Trump 0. standards? 9 10 No, it wasn't completed not even 11 according to standards. It wasn't 12 completed. 13 What happens if the building is 14 complete, is there a condition of a 15 certain number of closings that had to 16 happen prior to the hotel opening? 17 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 18 form. 19 I don't know. You'd have to ask Α. 20 my lawyer. 21 I'm going to ask you to look at 22 Plaintiff's Exhibit 168 again, the second 23 page. It says, "opening of hotel." 24 I don't know if you answered 25 this question before, but have you seen

Page 111 1 D. J. Trump 2 this letter before? 3 MR. RUSSOMANNO: He answered. 4 Α. I don't remember having seen it. 5 I'm going to tell you Mr. Trump, that this is a closing notice to a buyer 6 7 of the Fort Lauderdale project. 8 Α. Right. 9 Q. Okay. 10 Did you see a draft of any such 11 letter? 12 Α. I don't believe so, no. 13 Q. Did this letter go out with your 14 approval? 15 Not that I know of. Α. 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 17 form. As you sit here today, do you 18 19 feel that this letter was sent out -- was 20 a proper correspondence? 21 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 22 form. 23 Well, I think Mr. Stillman and 24 SB Hotel did a great service to people 25 because if they closed, as I said, their

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2 units would be worth a lot less money.

3 He's just stating the facts. I haven't

4 seen this but he's stating the facts.

5 He's actually being very honorable in

6 sending such a letter. You'd have to

7 | speak to the lawyers. But he is stating

8 the facts and, had people actually closed

9 on their unit, they would have lost a lot

10 of money because the unit values have gone

11 down so substantially.

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- Q. When you say honorable, what do you mean?
- 14 A. Well, he's stating facts that a

15 lot of people wouldn't state. He talks

16 about the default notice, he talks about

other elements, and I think he saved these

people from losing a lot of value after

19 they purchased the unit.

- Q. Mr. Trump, are you basically
- 21 saying that, because he was honest in this
- 22 letter, he scared off buyers from closing?
- MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the
- form of the question.
- A. He actually saved them a lot of

Page 113 1 D. J. Trump 2 money because the values from the date of 3 this letter have gone down very 4 substantially. 5 That's not 2000. That's not May, 2000. 6 7 Α. I think it's probably 2009. 8 Values have gone down very substantially. 9 Q. If you look at the second page 10 of this letter, Mr. Stillman or SB Hotel 11 Associates, LLC states that, "given the 12 uncharted economic climate," it goes on to 13 say that, "we do not believe that the 14 hotel operation will open if purchasers 15 have closed on fewer fifty percent of the 16 units in the condominium." 17 Do you believe that to be true 18 at the time? 19 MR. GILLMAN: I object to form. 20 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 21 form. 22 Α. He's stating his opinion. 23 What's your opinion? 0. 24 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 25 form.

Page 114 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. My opinion is that their units 3 would have gone down in value and they're 4 lucky they didn't close. 5 What's your opinion as to the 6 statement that the hotel operation could 7 not open unless fifty percent of the 8 people closed? 9 MR. GILLMAN: Objection to the 10 form. 11 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 12 form of the question. 13 Α. That's really up to SB and to 14 Mr. Stillman to say, not to me. I mean, 15 he's the developer, as I've told you 16 before. I'm not the developer. So he 17 would know that number better than us. He 18 was the developer. That was his opinion. 19 I didn't write the letter; he wrote it. 20 Did you or your organization 21 and/or its affiliates have -- did you stay 22 abreast of the closing process --23 See abreast? Α. 24 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the

form.

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2	Q. Stay abreast.
3	A. You mean stay abreast?
4	Q. Well, English is not my first
5	language, Mr. Trump.
6	A. Okay.
7	Well, that's good. I have great
8	respect for that.
9	MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to
10	form.
11	Q. Thank you.
12	A. What is your first language?
13	Q. Korean.
14	A. Okay. Excellent.
15	So go ahead, what's your
16	problem?
17	MS. BECK: Could you read back my
18	last question, please.
19	(Whereupon the requested portion
20	was read back by the reporter).
21	Q. Of the closing process and the
22	sales process.
23	MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to
24	form.
25	A. We were watching but we were

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really much more interested in making sure that the hotel -- that the developer completed the hotel. That was our primary interest because we were going to be operating a hotel and unfortunately it wasn't completed.

Q. You, The Trump Organization or its affiliates, didn't have an interest in making sure that people closed at certain prices?

 $\label{eq:mr.sussomanno: I object to the form.} \end{math}$

A. No, we didn't as I said, we were watching for the completion of the hotel. We were getting ready to manage the hotel. Unfortunately, they couldn't get it completed not only in standards but they couldn't get it completed. So we were certainly interested in seeing that everybody got everything right. By watching the standards, we were trying to make it good for everybody so that when they did buy a unit, if they did buy a unit, they would get a unit that was built

Page 117 1 D. J. Trump 2 to a high standard. 3 What is your understanding of 4 whether or not a buyer can occupy the 5 unit? MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form. You mean according to his 8 Α. letter? 9 10 Well, he references occupy Ο. 11 issues. 12 You'll have to ask Mr. Stillman 13 because he wrote the letter, I didn't. 14 What is your understanding of Ο. 15 the occupancy? 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 17 form. 18 I don't have an understanding. 19 I'm not the developer. All we did was 20 manage the hotel, hopefully. We wanted to 21 manage the hotel. 22 0. You mentioned earlier that the 23 project was not completed. 24 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection. 25 At that time when the default Q.

Page 118 1 D. J. Trump 2 letter was sent out? 3 That's correct, yes. Α. 4 What is your definition of Q. 5 completion? MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form of the question. 8 When is a project --0. 9 Completion as far as we're 10 concerned, because we're the manager of 11 the hotel, was when it was furnished and 12 ready and beautiful and everything was 13 perfect and the elevators were working 14 properly and all of the things that we 15 needed to operate a first class hotel. 16 They weren't done, unfortunately. That's my definition of completed, furnished and 17 beautiful. 18 19 It has nothing to do with 20 obtaining a certificate of occupancy from 21 the required authorities? 22 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 23 form. MR. GILLMAN: Objection to the 24 25 form.

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- A. We need more than a certificate of occupancy. We need furniture in the rooms. Again, we're running a hotel. So you can get a certificate of occupancy without having it furnished but in the meantime people bought hotel rooms and they bought hotels. From our standard, I don't know what their closing standard was, but from our standard, in terms of running a first class operation, we needed everything one hundred percent according to Hoyle. We needed furnishings, we needed beautiful elevators, we needed it to be done in a first class manner.
- Q. Were you aware that a certificate of occupancy was obtained for the building, for the project?
- A. Well, there may have been a construction certificate of occupancy, but you needed furnishing and you needed other things. It was not in good shape, as you probably know.

MS. BECK: Exhibit 327.

(Whereupon, an e-mail dated

Page 120 1 D. J. Trump 2 May 13, 2009 was marked Plaintiff's 3 Exhibit 327 for identification.) 4 Mr. Trump, the first e-mail of 5 this chain is an e-mail from Mr. Schwarz to Stillman and he states here, "with you 6 7 on the completion and Trump the direct and 8 proximate cause of the direct default. 9 quess we can all see where this is 10 heading." And he goes on to say, "was a 11 default under the license agreement a 12 default under the loan." 13 Do you know if a default under 14 the license agreement is a default under 15 the loan? 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 17 form of the question. 18 I would think so. Α. 19 Q. Why? 20 Α. Because --21 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 22 form. 23 -- they bought a high standard Α. 24 building and unfortunately it wasn't being built. I'm not sure it was even being 25

Page 121 1 D. J. Trump 2 funded before this was sent because I had 3 heard it wasn't being funded prior to any 4 letters being sent. Obviously the hotel 5 was not at a level that it could have been a hotel and it certainly was at a very low 6 7 standard. It was not the standard that we 8 had signed onto. 9 MS. BECK: We're going to go to 10 the original marketing materials. 11 You can look. There's a 0. 12 number --13 Α. Okay. I looked. 14 I'm going to introduce them into 15 the record again. They are Exhibits 301, 16 302, 304, 305, 306, 307, 311, 312, 313, 17 and 314. 18 Α. Okay. 19 Have you seen these before? Q. 20 Α. Yes. 21 They were all manufactured and prepared with your approval? 22 23 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 24 form. 25 With my representatives' Α.

Page 122 1 D. J. Trump 2 approval, yes. Mr. Petrus would have 3 approved this. All these exhibits --4 Q. 5 Α. Go ahead. MS. BECK: Off the record for a 6 7 second. (Discussion held off the record 8 9 at 12:21 p.m.) 10 (Whereupon the deposition 11 resumed at 12:21 p.m.) 12 Mr. Trump, there's text in these 13 marketing materials that I just showed 14 you. 15 Α. Okay. 16 Do you feel that that text is 0. 17 accurate? 18 You'd have to show me. Α. 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 20 form of the question. 21 Well, do you feel that they 22 overstate your involvement in the project? 23 What are you referring to? Α. 24 me. 25 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the

Page 123 1 D. J. Trump 2 form of the question. 3 For example, Exhibit 307 states, 0. 4 "the signature development by Donald J. 5 Trump will become a destination for many and a home for the select few." 6 7 Well, I think that's standard 8 advertising language that frankly we were hoping to have that, absolutely. We have 9 10 a beautiful site on the water, yes. 11 were looking to have that. This would 12 have been a signature development or we 13 wouldn't have done it. 14 You have other signature 0. 15 developments; isn't that true? Yes, we do. 16 17 And your position is that those signature developments are developed by 18 19 you, you are the developer? 20 In some cases they're developed 21 by me and in some cases they're not. 22 Why does this advertising 23 material not state this signature 24 development or this development by SB

Hotel Associates, LLC with Donald Trump as

Page 124 1 D. J. Trump 2 licensor? 3 Well, according to my lawyers, Α. it's all over the documents, it's all over 4 5 the -- you can't put everything into a small ad. It's all over the documents 6 7 that I'm not the developer. 8 Well, what about the documents Ο. 9 before you with the advertising 10 materials --11 You can't put it in advertising 12 materials because there's not enough room. 13 But the documents they signed, it's all 14 over the place that I'm not the developer. 15 What happens if there are statements that contradict each other? 16 17 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 18 form of the question. 19 I don't see any contradiction. Α. 20 I think it's very simple. 21 It's your testimony that the 22 statement "this signature development by 23 Donald J. Trump" is consistent with the 24 position that Donald J. Trump is not a 25 developer of this project?

Page 125 1 D. J. Trump 2 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 3 form. Absolutely. They've signed 4 5 documents that say I'm not the developer of the site. Absolutely. 6 7 What documents are those? Q. 8 Α. My lawyers can show you. 9 MR. RUSSOMANNO: If you want him 10 to identify it. 11 Is it your testimony that -- I 12 was going to go through other texts here, 13 and we can do that or I can just ask 14 vou --15 Go ahead and ask me whatever Α. 16 you'd like. 17 The text in these exhibits, is 18 it your testimony that they don't 19 overstate your involvement with the 20 project? 21 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 22 form of the question. 23 No, my involvement with the Α. 24 project is stated in agreements that 25 everybody signed. This is a very short

Page 126 1 D. J. Trump 2 form ad, mostly pictures, of what the 3 development is going to look like. 4 And you agree with the language contained in these advertisements and 5 marketing materials? 6 7 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 8 form of the question. 9 I believe it is a signature development, yes. This is a beautiful --10 11 this would have been a beautiful 12 development had they been able to complete 13 it. But it would have been worth a lot 14 less than what the people signed on to buy it for. 15 16 Any text in these marketing 17 materials, are there any text in these marketing materials that you would 18 19 disagree with? 20 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to 21 form. 22 Α. I would have to take them back, 23 read them, and get back to you. 24 Q. Mr. Trump, we can do that right 25 now.

Page 127 D. J. Trump 1 2 This is Plaintiff's Exhibit 306. 3 Is that a letter prepared by 4 you? 5 Α. Yeah, this is an advertising letter. 6 7 That's your signature; yes? Q. 8 Α. Yes, it is. 9 0. Do you stand by the statements 10 in that letter? 11 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 12 form. 13 Well, I stand by the legal 14 documents that everybody signed. This is 15 a Trump International Hotel and Tower, it 16 is a magnificent oceanfront resort 17 offering the finest -- this would have happened had the building been completed. 18 19 Unfortunately the developer wasn't able to 20 complete the building. 21 0. I understand. 22 Do you stand by the statements 23 in this letter? 24 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 25 form of the question.

Page 128 1 D. J. Trump 2 Α. I stand by the statements that 3 are in the document that everybody signed. 4 Q. But not this letter? 5 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 6 7 I have no problem with that 8 But that's just a quick little letter. 9 advertising piece. But I stand by the 10 statements that are in the document that 11 everybody read and everybody signed and 12 everybody fully understands. And they 13 knew I wasn't the per se developer. I was 14 running it, I was managing it, and we were 15 going to manage it beautifully. 16 Unfortunately it never got completed. 17 Q. Okay. 18 Do you feel that the statements 19 in this letter which starts out with, "it 20 is great pleasure that I present my latest 21 development," this letter is consistent 22 with the documents that the buyers signed? 23 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 24 form. 25 I think it goes along with Α.

Page 129 1 D. J. Trump 2 It's not one or the other. document. Ιt 3 goes along with the document. The 4 document obviously is signed and in great 5 detail and it explains my role. And this letter does not 6 7 contradict any document that a buyer 8 signed? 9 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the form. 10 11 No, I don't think it 12 contradicts. 13 Q. Exhibits 311, 312, 313, and 314. I didn't mention them earlier. 14 15 Mr. Trump, is there a difference 16 between being a developer of a project 17 versus a licensor/hotel manager of a project from the building being completed 18 19 point of view? 20 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 21 form of the question. 22 Α. The developer would build the 23 building, would make sure that the 24 building is completed. The licensor would 25 be licensing the name.

Page 130 1 D. J. Trump 2 If a --Q. 3 To the developer. Α. 4 Mr. Trump, if a building is Q. 5 developed by you, would the Trump name be removed from that building? Could that 6 7 happen? 8 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 9 form of the question. 10 If the bank took over the building, it could. If it was 11 12 unsuccessfully developed, the bank might 13 take the name off the building. 14 Is that decision the bank's Ο. decision? 15 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 17 form. 18 It depends. If it was developed 19 by me and if it didn't work out and the 20 bank took it over, I quess the bank could 21 do whatever they wanted with the name. 22 They could leave it or take it off. 23 But that decision would not rest 24 with you; is that correct? 25 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the

Page 131 1 D. J. Trump 2 form of the question. 3 You're talking about if a Α. 4 building was developed by me and was taken 5 back by a bank? I'm talking about if a building 6 7 was developed by you, the way you 8 understand developer to be, you are the 9 developer of a building, would that 10 building lose the Trump name or the logo? 11 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection. 12 Α. I mean, it's a very simplistic 13 question. It depends under what 14 circumstances. 15 You mean if the building was 16 successful? 17 In any circumstance could it Ο. 18 lose it? 19 It depends. It could lose it if Α. 20 it had a mortgage and the bank took back 21 the building. 22 Let's think about all the 0. 23 instances where that building could lose 24 the Trump name. 25 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the

Page 132 1 D. J. Trump 2 form of the question. 3 If it loses that name, would, in 4 those instances, that decision rest with 5 you? MR. RUSSOMANNO: I object to the 6 7 form of the question. 8 Α. Not in all instances, no. 9 MS. BECK: Mr. Trump, I am told 10 that there's supposed to be a lunch 11 break today --12 MR. GARTEN: Why don't we just 13 keep going? 14 THE WITNESS: Why don't we just 15 finish it up and be done. I'd rather 16 do that. 17 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Can we take a 18 one-minute break for the restroom? 19 MS. BECK: Yes, of course. I was 20 going to say we take a five to 21 ten-minute break. 22 THE WITNESS: You have to take a 23 one-minute break? Can we go on and 24 finish this? Let's not take a 25 one-minute break. Your son can take

Page 133 1 D. J. Trump 2 over. 3 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Let's go. MS. BECK: Well, I have to go to 4 5 the bathroom. THE WITNESS: So go to the 6 7 bathroom. MS. BECK: Off the record. 8 9 (Whereupon a break was taken at 10 12:31 p.m.) 11 (Whereupon the deposition resumed at 12:41 p.m.) 12 13 MS. BECK: Let the record reflect 14 Mr. Trump has left the room. It is 15 not clear whether he will return. 16 Herman Russomanno has indicated he 17 would like to state something on the 18 record. 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO III: Let the 20 record reflect Herman Russomanno III 21 on behalf of Donald Trump and Trump 22 Organization. 23 Prior to a short recess, there 24 was an inquiry as to whether we can 25 complete the deposition. Counsel for

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the plaintiffs initially indicated that yes, they'll work through. My father asked for a bathroom break. Counsel for Plaintiff agreed that she would like a bathroom break.

We came back into the room and counsel for the plaintiffs then made a representation that she now needs a one-hour break for medical conditions. As all counsel in this room know, there was never any objections throughout the week for any medical condition break and these medical condition breaks every day up to today took place at 2:30, 3:00. This deposition would have finished prior to and counsel could have had the medical condition.

The deposition was terminated, as my father indicated on the record earlier, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(d)(3)(a). Should Plaintiffs -- because of the annoying, embarrassing, oppressiveness conduct,

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and bad faith by Plaintiff's counsel in questioning, the deposition has been terminated. Obviously counsel has a right to go back before the court and get a court order to have the deposition to be reconvened. And obviously the defendants will appear and brief an opposition to that motion should one be asserted.

Thank you.

MR. GILLMAN: Let me go on the record to say that, as I said I would, I was checking on whether or not Mr. Schwarz could be available to conclude or to go forward as Plaintiffs have requested on Bayrock for the half hour that you said that you indicated. He will be here Friday at 9:30.

MR. BECK: Thank you, Mr. Gillman. Thank you, Mr. Russomanno.
This is Jared Beck on behalf of all Plaintiffs.

First to address Mr. Gillman, we appreciate that accommodation and we

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will take or continue with Bayrock's deposition at the time indicated. I assume that's going to be before we start the deposition of SB Hotel, I believe it is?

MR. GILLMAN: I think the SB
Hotel is starting tomorrow. You've
noticed the deposition of Mr. Stillman
individually and as SB and I've
advised that Mr. Stillman will be the
representative, the designee of it. I
expect and understand that there would
be no intention to repeat questions
from one deposition to the other.

MR. BECK: Right.

MR. GILLMAN: Mr. Stillman, when he answers on Thursday, tomorrow, will be answering in both capacities.

Obviously to the extent that there's something that doesn't get concluded, we would carry over on Friday.

Is that agreed?

MR. BECK: Let me just say I think maybe we'll be able to clarify

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this maybe more when the deposition starts. There may be instances where there's a distinction between the two, there may be not, and maybe it's better left tomorrow when we bring out the deposition notice of SB Hotel and we look at those topics and then maybe you can restate that at that time and we can -- our intention certainly is not to keep Mr. Stillman --

MR. GILLMAN: The standard procedure, which I assumed we will follow, is that Mr. Stillman will be answering and I'm telling you he'll be answering the questions as designee and as individually. If there's some particular question that you think needs to be differentiated, we can do it at the time.

MR. BECK: I understand that and we're going to do our best to respect Mr. Stillman's time. And we do appreciate the accommodation on Bayrock.

Page 138 1 D. J. Trump 2 MR. RUSSOMANNO III: So Julius is 3 going when, Bayrock? 4 MR. BECK: Friday. 5 GILLMAN: He's unavailable tomorrow. 6 7 MR. BECK: So I appreciate that. 8 Let me now turn to Mr. 9 Russomanno's statement. 10 We strenuously object that any 11 portion of this deposition was 12 harassing or intended to harass or 13 outside the boundary of what the 14 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15 provide and the transcript will be 16 quite clear on that. But that's going 17 to be for another date and time and I don't think we need to sit here and 18 19 arque the merits of that now. 20 As to the issue of Mr. Trump 21 apparently getting up and leaving the 22 room and his attorneys and him 23 terminating this deposition prior to 24 us getting in our entitlement under 25 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,

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I think we ended at, by my account, 12:30 and we began at approximately 10:30.

Is there any disagreement to that?

MR. RUSSOMANNO III: None. We were here for about two hours, I agree.

MR. BECK: We were advised by the law firm of Kramer Levin which we went out of our way to actually shift the deposition from the originally noticed location -- at Mr. Trump's attorneys' request we shifted the deposition to this location at his request and throughout this week we've been in communication with representatives of Kramer Levin law firm who have been coordinating this deposition. We also advised the Russomanno firm in conjunction with the shifting of the location to these offices, the Kramer Levin offices where we're situated, that Ms. Beck, who's also counsel for

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the plaintiff and was conducting -counsel for the plaintiffs and was
conducting the deposition of Mr.

Trump, that she would require a break
during the deposition at some point to
take care of a medical condition.

Now, prior to today's -- and we have been taking those breaks and we have been accommodated in that respect throughout the week. So on Monday we were accommodated in that respect during the deposition of Mr. Schwarz and on Tuesday we were accommodated in that respect during the deposition, corporate deposition, of The Trump Organization.

Prior to today's deposition, we were sent e-mails indicating that there was going to be a lunch break during this deposition. We were sent these e-mails by representatives of the Kramer Levin law firm. We were asked if we wanted to order anything for lunch. We were notified that

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there were lunch reservations for five people and based on those e-mails it was our understanding that the deponent had requested a lunch break to commence at 12:30. Mr. Russomanno has requested that I produce those e-mails to him. I will do so. I'll certainly do so in advance of any motion practice on this issue. But I don't have them in any form that I can produce them now; I have to go back into my e-mails and get those.

As such, Ms. Beck scheduled her medical condition treatment around the assumption that there was going to be a break at 12:30 and prepared herself this morning pursuant to what we understood was going to be a break in the deposition. When it came time to 12:30, the break was requested through Mr. Russomanno -- is it Senior?

MR. RUSSOMANNO III: That's fine, Senior.

MR. BECK: The elder Russomanno.

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We requested privacy -- the medical condition is somewhat of a sensitive issue. Obviously we didn't want to have an open discussion about it with Mr. Trump seated here. And I also want to reflect for the record that Mr. Trump, from our perspective, behaved in a quite insulting manner throughout the course of the deposition, accusing of us not knowing what we were doing, calling us crazy, and so forth.

But be that as it may, we asked Mr. Russomanno, the time having come to 12:30, let's proceed to the break that was scheduled, provided to us was necessary pursuant to the medical breaks we've been taking throughout this week and Mr. Trump appeared to get very animated, agitated, even more hostile at that point, indicating that he would under no circumstances allow for a break of any kind even after he was advised of the medical nature of

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it, even after he was advised that the Kramer Levin law firm had previously advised us of the necessity or the scheduling, I should say, of a lunch break at 12:30, in fact even had solicited our reservations for lunch this morning. And I believe that was Ms. Merrill. I just don't have --

MS. BECK: I believe she's a paralegal at the firm.

MR. BECK: The bottom line is that Mr. Trump, from our viewpoint, stormed out of this deposition at that point in time. He did so in a completely unjustified manner. There was no basis for terminating this deposition after just two hours of testimony on extremely relevant documents and we believe the record will reflect that. He actually asked -- at one point he said we should just come back to New York in two weeks.

Be that as it may, we strenuously disagree with Mr. Trump's

1 D. J. Trump 2 conduct in storming out of the 3 deposition. We strenuously disagree with his lawyers' apparently advising 4 5 him to cease giving testimony, and we believe this is grounds for sanctions. 6 7 We intend to file a motion for 8 sanctions with the court. We intend 9 to file a motion to reopen the 10 deposition. We intent to seek 11 recovery of our fees and costs for 12 doing so against Mr. Trump and The 13 Trump Organization, and we'll file 14 those motions when we get back to 15 Florida. 16 And I think that covers our 17 position. 18 Ms. Beck, is there anything that 19 you can think of? 20 MS. BECK: I would just like to 21 state on the record that we will stay 22 here for the next hour. If Mr. 23 Russomanno, if your client would 24 reconsider coming back and completing 25 the deposition, we remain willing to

Page 145 1 D. J. Trump 2 So we will stay in this 3 conference room for the next hour. You can send me an e-mail or call me. 4 5 If you can let me know now, if would 6 be appreciated, but perhaps you would 7 like to reserve that option. MR. BECK: I don't know the -- I 8 assume that Kramer Levin wouldn't have 9 10 a problem with us staying here for the 11 next hour under that representation. 12 Is that fair? 13 MR. RUSSOMANNO III: When you 14 guys are done, let me know. 15 MR. BECK: That was more of a 16 question to you. 17 MR. RUSSOMANNO III: I don't 18 think they'll care. 19 MS. BECK: Can you state for 20 certain whether or not your client 21 will come back today? 22 MR. RUSSOMANNO III: Are you guys 23 done? And then I'll go. 24 In response, we'll let the 25 record speak for itself in terms of

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the deposition conduct in which the deposition was terminated per the federal rules.

As we all know in this room, there was no e-mails exchanged between my law firm, me, and the Beck and Lee firm in regard to lunch today and in regard to what time lunch was being scheduled. There was no agreement that we would take lunch at 12:30. There was no notice prior to the deposition starting that Ms. Lee needed to take a break at 12:30 for one hour. And we'll let the record reflect that.

In terms of -- the only thing I want to make clear is that you must have only assumed that we had advised Mr. Trump to leave because you don't know that for a fact. There was no communications here on that. And the deposition was terminated per the federal rules.

The only other thing that I

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would add is that, since Mr. Beck made a comment about the off-record conduct or alleged conduct of Mr. Trump, the record would also like to reflect that it's the defendants' position that there was improper conduct by Ms. Lee, not Mr. Beck who I think is a complete gentleman and a professional. And I'm not going to get into the details of that --

MS. BECK: I would like to ask you on the record what conduct you're referring to.

MR. RUSSOMANNO III: If you screaming back and forth with Mr. Trump is the conduct that I'm referring to --

MS. BECK: I disagree with your characterization of it.

MR. BECK: Now is not the time for argument.

MR. RUSSOMANNO III: I usually don't reference to off-the-record conduct, but because Mr. Beck did

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reference to the off-the-record conduct of Trump, I wanted to mention that. So that's fair.

That's all I have to say.

MR. BECK: I apologize for prolonging this, but I just have to make one more comment since we delved into the territory of off-record conduct.

For the record, I typically

abide by your practice, Mr.

Russomanno, except in situations where we're talking about a potential motion to reopen the deposition. We may have to tell the judge why we believe the deposition was terminated. That may have to -- there may be indications of why -- in the off-record conduct.

MR. RUSSOMANNO III: I have no problem with you putting off-record conduct just as long as I've made my comment, without getting into details which I don't think it necessary.

MR. BECK: I'd just like to make

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an amendment to that.

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Yesterday at around 5:00, by my approximation, we were asked to move this deposition to the Trump This had been noticed headquarters. at Kramer Levin for quite some time. And that request was given to us by Alan Garten, who we understand to be Trump's in-house counsel. It was joined in by Mr. Russomanno, the younger, and the reason given by Mr. Garten was that Mr. Trump had appointments in the morning and for that reason needed to be in his office in order to proceed with the deposition. We disagreed with the proposition to move the deposition. We did not consent to that. And Mr. Garten seemed fairly agitated about our refusal to move the deposition that had long been noticed at Kramer Levin. That said, I just want to make

sure that those facts are reflected in

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the record as well.

MR. RUSSOMANNO III: Well, if you want to mention that, that was a moot issue because the deposition took place at Kramer Levin today at 10:30.

Mr. Trump was on time and he was here and we're all here.

If you want to address that issue, I don't see the need for it, but if you want to we can let the record reflect that the request to move the deposition by Mr. Garten was rejected by Plaintiff's counsel based upon the fact that Bayrock's deposition allegedly ended early, which obviously had nothing to do with Trump or Trump Org.

But I don't think we should waste any more time on this issue because it's a moot issue. The deposition was at Kramer Levin at 10:30, on time, and there was no problem with that after we left.

MR. BECK: I just want to add a

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couple of points because you say it's a moot issue. I don't think it's a moot issue.

The reason I say that is, first of all, the reason that the request was rejected is because, after the first day of deposition, it became clear to us that our ability to take a seven-hour deposition was going to be somewhat a contested issue in this case and I'll leave it at that. That's why we rejected the request yesterday. In addition, it just simply wasn't convenient for us to move the deposition. It had been noticed here and we are more comfortable in not being in Mr. Trump's offices and certainly after his conduct today I will emphasize that fact.

That said, it became -- looking back, putting those facts yesterday in context, the facts today, it is our opinion -- and we will bring this

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Page 152 1 D. J. Trump 2 before the court -- that Mr. Trump had 3 no intention of sitting for a 4 seven-hour deposition today and we 5 believe that his terminating the deposition after two hours is a 6 7 consequence of that. MR. RUSSOMANNO III: Anybody 8 else? 9 10 MR. GILLMAN: What time are we 11 starting tomorrow? MR. BECK: 10:00. 12 13 (TIME NOTED: 1:03 p.m.) 14 (Signature of witness) 15 Subscribed and sworn to before me this_____ 16 day of_____, 17 2011. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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6	Plaintiffs,
7	vs.
8	SB HOTEL ASSOCIATES, LLC., et al.,
9	Defendants.
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	West Palm Beach, Florida
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17	DEPOSITION
18	OF
19	DONALD J. TRUMP
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21	Taken on behalf of the Plaintiffs
	Pursuant to a Notice of Taking Deposition
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158 THEREUPON: 1 DONALD J. TRUMP 2 was called as a witness by the Plaintiffs and, having 3 first been duly sworn, was examined and testified as 4 follows: 5 THE WITNESS: I do. 6 MS. LEE BECK: We'll mark this as Exhibit 7 414. 8 (Thereupon, Exhibit Number 414 was marked for 9 Identification.) 10 11 DIRECT EXAMINATION 12 BY MS. LEE BECK: 13 Q. Mr. Trump, you are here pursuant to this Notice 14 of Taking Deposition Duces Tecum (Continued) of Donald 15 J. Trump, Pursuant to Rule 30(a)(1), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure --16 17 A. Yes. Q. -- is that correct? 18 19 Yes. Α. 20 Okay. I'm going to show you documents that Q. 21 have previously been marked as 316 and 317. The building at issue in this lawsuit, I will 22 23 call the Trump Fort Lauderdale project or The Project, for short. 24 25 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form.

BY MS. LEE BECK:

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- Q. Are these exhibits documents describing an event for the marketing of The Project?
- A. I don't know. I've never seen them before.
- Q. Okay. Is it your understanding that Exhibit

 316 is a document that describes a marketing event for

 The Project?
- MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 10 BY MS. LEE BECK:
- 11 Q. Okay. It talks about an event on April 14th at 12 the Bonnet House. Did you attend that?
- A. I don't remember, but probably I did.
- Q. Okay. This exhibit, Exhibit 317, talks about

 Donald and Ivanka confirmed their attendance, an e-mail

 from Senada Adzem. Does that trigger your recollection

 of whether or not you attended the event?
- 18 A. No, but I probably did.
- Q. Okay. Is it customary for you to attend such events for The Project?
- 21 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form.
- 22 THE WITNESS: On occasion, I will, for a
- 23 project.
- 24 BY MS. LEE BECK:
- Q. Okay. How many such events did you attend for

160 The Project? 1 2 Α. I'm not sure. Maybe two. Okay. 3 Q. I'm not sure, but I think more than one. 4 Α. More than five? 5 Q. I don't know. I really don't know. 6 Α. 7 Why did you attend such events? 0. Good for The Project. We licensed the deal. 8 Good for The Project, in terms of sales? 9 Q. Yeah, I think it would help. 10 Α. 11 Okay. All right. This was also previously Q. 12 marked, Exhibit 198. You mentioned at your first 13 deposition and today that the Trump Organization is a 14 licensor or an entity that you control and own is a licensor of The Project; is that correct? 15 16 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form. MR. GILLMAN: Object to the form. 17 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I licensed the 18 name Trump to The Project. 19 20 BY MS. LEE BECK: 21 You licensed your name to The Project, yes? Q. 22 Yes. 23 Okay. This is the agreement, the license Q. agreement, whereby you licensed your name to The 24 25 Project?

Q. So you would not have been paid anything under

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that as of yet?

A. I don't think so.

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- Q. Okay. What about the retail component incentive, were you paid anything under that?
 - A. No, not that I know.
- Q. In order to be paid under the residential-hotel component, it's true that 85 percent of the units must close, yes?
- 8 A. I believe so, yes.
- 9 Q. And, then, what are you paid? Is that 10 Subsection small ci?
- 11 A. I don't know. You'd have to ask my lawyer.
- 12 Q. What is your understanding of this?
- A. I don't know. I have no understanding. I really don't know.
- Q. You don't know how you get paid under your license agreement?
- A. This is a legal agreement. You'd have to ask my lawyer.
 - Q. Okay. What is your understanding --
- 20 A. It says here -- it spells it out right here.
- Q. Okay. So you're basically saying, you get paid pursuant to this document before me?
- 23 A. Yes. That's true.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form.

BY MS. LEE BECK:

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Q. I have one follow-up question to Plaintiff's Exhibit 198. Do you agree, Mr. Trump, that the way this license fee is calculated is for you to share in the profits from the unit sales?

MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form.

MR. GILLMAN: Object to the form.

THE WITNESS: Well, this talks about gross

sales.

10 BY MS. LEE BECK:

Q. Uh-huh.

12 A. No, I wouldn't really say that. It looks to me
13 like it's more of a gross sales agreement, without
14 reading the agreement. I do many agreements.

No, it looks like it's a gross sales agreement, not profits.

- Q. Okay.
- A. They were just a licensee, who initiated an agreement with me. This is a gross sales agreement, it looks like.
- Q. Okay. So do you agree that the way this license fee is calculated is for him to -- is for you to share in the gross sales from unit sales?

MR. RUSSOMANNO: Form.

25 THE WITNESS: Looks like it.

- MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form of the 23 question. 24
- THE WITNESS: Well, I don't believe we were 25

construction standards govern? For example, does it govern the type of materials that are sourced for a project?

MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: We ask that the developer provide high class materials. We look at their plans to make sure the rooms are nice. We look at the different materials. We look at the bathroom fixtures and the kitchen fixtures and the appliances, to make sure of everything, and we ask that they do it in a high quality standard, which they did in this case.

BY MS. LEE BECK:

- Q. So that includes design and layouts, as well?
- A. We look at the layout, yes. We want to make sure the layouts are appropriate.
 - Q. Fixtures and furnishings?
- 19 A. Yes.

- Q. What happens if you feel it doesn't reach the level of quality that define the Trump standards?
- A. Then we'd ask them to go back and bring us something that does.
 - Q. What if they don't?
- 25 A. They do.

- Q. So in every case, the Trump standards are met?
- A. Yeah.

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3 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, they'd have to be met or we will not do the deal. We'll get out of the deal, if they're not met. We have the right to do that.

BY MS. LEE BECK:

- Q. Okay. Other than materials, design, layouts, finishings, is there anything else that the Trump construction standards demand from a Trump project, such as the Trump Fort Lauderdale, as The Project was intended?
 - A. Just general quality.
- Q. The person who determines whether or not the standard of that general quality is met is yourself and people on your team; is that correct?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. At the Trump Organization?
- 20 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. The Project at issue in this case ran into financing difficulties; is that correct?
- 23 MR. GILLMAN: Objection to the form.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I wasn't the

25 developer.

BY MS. LEE BECK:

- Q. Well, are you aware that it ran into financing difficulties with its lender, CorusBank?
- A. Well, I don't know. I mean, they had a lender named Corus, and I think something happened to the bank, and I'm not sure what the relationship was with the developer and the bank, because we were not involved in that, we were just a licensee.
- Q. Okay. If you were the developer, would you have been able to finance the completion of The Project?

MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: I don't know the answer to that, because the market was so bad at that time. As I told you the last time, these people got lucky, because they bought at the high and then the market went bad, and now they're trying to get back their deposit.

The fact is, if they'd closed on the unit, they would have lost a lot of money.

So I don't really know the answer to that.

I would say that the market was so bad, that

I'm not sure anybody could have financed the

development at that time.

At the time that Corus went bad and at the

170 time that the developer was having problems 1 2 with the bank, I'm not sure anybody could have financed it. 3 BY MS. LEE BECK: 4 Q. Are you talking about a personal choice or an 5 ability? 6 7 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form. THE WITNESS: I'm talking about normal real 8 estate financing for a project like this, I 9 think it would have been very hard to obtain. 10 11 BY MS. LEE BECK: 12 Q. Nobody was willing to put up their own personal money to finish The Project? 13 14 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form of the 15 question. 16 THE WITNESS: You'd have to ask the 17 developer. I'm not the developer. I'm just the licensee. 18 BY MS. LEE BECK: 19 20 Were you ever asked to do that? Q. 21 No. Not that I remember, no. Α. Do you know if Roy Stillman was ever approached 22 23 to put up his own personal money to finish The Project? I don't know that. 24 Α. 25 Q. Did you ever approach him?

A. Not that I remember. It's a pretty unusual thing for a developer to do, to put up his own personal fortune to do a job, especially when the market has tanked.

MS. LEE BECK: Okay. This is a new exhibit, Exhibit 416.

7 (Thereupon, Exhibit 416 was marked for 8 Identification.)

9 BY MS. LEE BECK:

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- Q. Have you ever seen this document before?

 Please take your time.
- 12 A. Not that I remember, no.
- Q. Do you know what it is?
- A. No. I've never seen it. To the best of my knowledge, I've never seen it.
 - Q. Okay. If CorusBank prepares a loan presentation, would anybody at the Trump Organization see such documents?
 - A. I think it would be pretty unlikely, but it's possible somebody sent us one, but we're not the developer, so I think it's unlikely.
 - Q. Okay. I'm going to direct your attention to the last paragraph on the first page, CCVPROD2575.
- A. Yeah.
- 25 Q. Okay. It's two sentences. The second sentence

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says, "According to Stillman, Trump Lauderdale Development - Number 2, LLC's inclusion in the organizational chart serves the purpose of being able to say that Donald Trump is an investor in The Project rather than just a licensor and operator." Do you know what that sentence is talking about? MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form. MR. GILLMAN: Object to the form. THE WITNESS: No, because to the best of my knowledge, we didn't make an investment in this project. You know, maybe he wanted me to be an investor, maybe he was suggesting that I would be an investor, but to the best of my knowledge -- I mean, I could check, but I don't think we ever made an investment in this project. I have many projects all over the world, so I'm -- you know, it's probably -- and perhaps you'll have to ask him, but he was possibly saying that he was trying to get me to be an investor. BY MS. LEE BECK: Do you agree with that statement? Q.

At one point, I think they asked me whether or

173 not I'd like to be an investor in The Project. 1 2 Okay. And what was your response? No. 3 Α. How do you define an investor in The Project? 4 Q. MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form. 5 THE WITNESS: Somebody that puts up money. 6 7 BY MS. LEE BECK: Q. Who are the investors in The Project? 8 I really don't know. Mr. Stillman is the one 9 that I knew. 10 11 Q. He put up his own money? 12 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form. MR. GILLMAN: Objection to the form. 13 14 THE WITNESS: You'd have to ask him that 15 question. I really don't know. He's the 16 developer or his company or a company is the 17 developer. I guess it's SB Hotel Association, is really the developer. 18 BY MS. LEE BECK: 19 20 Q. Mr. Stillman has an interest in SB Hotel; isn't 21 that correct? MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form. 22

MR. GILLMAN: Object to the form.

THE WITNESS: I really don't know. You'd

have to ask Mr. Stillman. Possibly, but you'd

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174 have to ask him. 1 2 BY MS. LEE BECK: And you have an interest in that entity, do you 3 not? 4 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form. 5 THE WITNESS: I think they gave me 6 7 something having to do with that as an incentive, some kind of incentive, but it had 8 nothing to do with the development, but I think 9 there might have been some non-voting stock 10 that they gave me, so that I could -- just as 11 12 an incentive, so that when sales started, we could do a better job, a good job. 13 14 BY MS. LEE BECK: 15 You don't agree with that statement now? 16 Which one? 17 The second sentence that I read, "According to Stillman, dot, dot, dot, rather than just a licensor 18 19 and operator (see below)." 20 MR. GILLMAN: Object to the form. 21 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to the form. 22

THE WITNESS: I don't think so. I mean, again, I'd have to check, but I don't think we ever made an investment in The Project, no.

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MS. LEE BECK: Okay. Okay. This is

175 Exhibit 417. 1 2 (Thereupon, Exhibit 417 was marked for Identification.) 3 4 THE WITNESS: Okay. BY MS. LEE BECK: 5 Have you ever seen this document before? 6 Q. 7 No, not that I know of. Α. Do you know what it is? 8 Q. 9 Α. No. Do you know who F. Ronald Mastriana is? 10 Q. 11 A. No. 12 Q. Would it surprise you if I told you that Roy 13 Stillman recorded this deed restriction in connection 14 with The Project? MR. GILLMAN: Object to the form. 15 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form. 16 THE WITNESS: No, I don't know. I don't 17 know who these people are. I know Roy 18 Stillman, but I don't know who Ronald Mastriana 19 20 is. BY MS. LEE BECK: 21 Q. Okay. Are you aware that Roy Stillman filed 22 such a document in the records? 23 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form. 24 25 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware. Maybe my

lawyers are, but I'm not aware.

BY MS. LEE BECK:

Q. Okay. Are you aware that pursuant to this recorded document, all units in The Project had to be managed by a hotel management company, under a unified plan for hotel use, and that there was a restriction on residential use?

MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form.

THE WITNESS: No.

10 BY MS. LEE BECK:

- Q. Were you aware of that?
- 12 A. No, but that's very standard.
- 13 Q. Standard in what?
 - A. In this business, because you do restrictions based on Zoning Codes and based on various variances that you get from the cities and states. So it's very standard in the business to have various restrictions on use. It's called a use restriction.
 - Q. Are you talking about -- when you say, "This business," are you talking about condo-hotels or general real state?
 - A. Yeah, condo-hotels and real estate, too. Very standard.
 - Q. What is your understanding of the restriction on use imposed on the buyers of The Project had closing

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               MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to form.
               THE WITNESS: I don't know.
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      BY MS. LEE BECK:
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           Q. Are you aware of any such restrictions, as you
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      sit here today, prior to having seen this document --
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               MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form.
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      BY MS. LEE BECK:
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           Q. -- Plaintiff's Exhibit 417?
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           A. No, I'm not aware of the details.
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               MS. LEE BECK: Okay. This is Exhibit 418.
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      BY MS. LEE BECK:
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      Garten. Do you stipulate to all the statements in here
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178 in the first paragraph that you disagree with or is inaccurate? A. I think I'm considered to be a very successful person, yes. There's nothing in there that you would Q. Okay. disagree with? No, I don't think so. All right. What about the second paragraph there, everything in there is true and accurate? A. Yeah. Q. Okay. Now, the third paragraph starts, "In New York City." Is anything there that is inaccurate or untrue? MR. RUSSOMANNO: Object to the form. THE WITNESS: Are we going to do this all day? BY MS. LEE BECK: Q. Well, yes. We have to authenticate this. A. For what purpose? Because it was given to me by your attorney, Q. but we don't know the accuracy of the statements. We can short-circuit this. MR. RUSSOMANNO: Yes, counsel. Mr. Garten indicated that he would provide it to you and

he indicated it was stipulated that it's

179 1 accurate. Mr. Garten, in his deposition, when 2 Mr. Trump was being deposed, he made that 3 statement. We can go to the page. But if you 4 want Mr. Trump to look at it and take a few 5 minutes --6 MS. LEE BECK: Yes. We can off the record. 7 MR. RUSSOMANNO: We can do that for a 8 9 moment. (Discussion off the record.) 10 MS. LEE BECK: Back on the record. 11 12 BY MS. LEE BECK: 13 Q. Mr. Trump, your Florida counsel is telling me 14 that your New York counsel stipulated to this. If you 15 are comfortable with that, do you stipulate to 16 Plaintiff's 418 being true and accurate, in its entirety? 17 A. Well, I haven't read it for many years, so I'll 18 have to take a look at it. 19 20 MS. LEE BECK: Okay. Then why don't we go 21 off the record. (Discussion off the record.) 22 THE WITNESS: I believe it's accurate. 23 BY MS. LEE BECK: 24 Q. Mr. Trump, Plaintiff's Exhibit 417 is accurate 25

I mean, we will make the basic deal, but the

lawyers will put it down and do the restrictions, if any. Q. What about for projects in which you were the developer, in those cases, you also leave it to your lawyers to handle the deed restriction issues? A. Yes. MS. LEE BECK: I think we're done. THE WITNESS: Fine. Thank you. MR. RUSSOMANNO: He's going to read. (Thereupon, the reading and signing not being duly waived, the deposition was concluded at 1:50 p.m.) DEPONENT Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2012. NOTARY PUBLIC

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"Roy Stillman" <roy@stillmandevelopment.com>

To:

<tommanno@aol.com>, <kgibbons@corusbank.com>

Date:

5/13/2009 9:53 PM

Subject:

Re: Fort Lauderdale Team

Dear Tom -

I acknowledge you.

There is a partial misunderstanding. It is true that Corus Bank has stopped funding. It is not true that we have simply given up.

Please understand that the Trumps shot a well placed torpedo that has had the intended effect. They had every reason to think that their letter would cause a default with the bank, and cessation of funding. It did.

I am sending your letter, together with this response to Corus Bank. I want to see all of the payments you seek take place. Bank funding is a prerequisite to that. If I simply delayed the lay offs until the matter is resolved to our collective satisfaction, then I would put the employees into greater jeopardy by risking them not receiving a paycheck for hours worked. I can't take that risk. On the continuum of responsibility, compensation for hours worked is paramount.

I understand everybody's desire for finanlity at his moment. That is outside of my power.

Roy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---- Original Message -----

From: Tom Manno <tommanno@aol.com>

To: Roy Stillman

Sent: Wed May 13 22:12:02 2009 Subject: Fort Lauderdale Team

Helio Roy

I hope your trip is going well.

I'm asking for your help. I just spoke with Jim and he indicated that what you and I agreed to regarding severance for myself and my team was being dropped from our upcoming payment.

As we discussed I can understand your disappointment with how everything came about. I can also appreciate the financial ramifications it has for you personally. Believe me there is no one more disappointed than I.

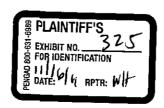
With that said Roy I would like you to reconsider your decision regarding everyone's severance. I am not familiar with how the bank works with you in this situation but I hope they understand the agreement we reached and that this group of people have families and responsibilities that need all the help they can get during these difficult times.

Roy I'm appealing to your sense of honor and fairness to do what is right for all concerned. I know it would create a sense of well-being for everyone's family and appreciation by all.

Thanks Roy and and have a great rest of the trip

Warmest regards,

Tom



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June 2, 2009

Keith Gibbons, First Vice President Corus Bank, N.A. 3959 North Lincoln Avenue Chicago, IL 60613-2481

Re: Trump International Hotel & Tower, 551 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

NOTICE OF DEFAULT

Dear Keith:

On April 10, 2009, SB Hotel Associates, LLC submitted a draw request in the amount of \$2,909,920.07. The draw request was in conformity with the loan documents between Corus Bank, N.A., as Lender and SB Hotel Associates, LLC, as Borrower, dated December 15, 2006, (hereafter "Loan Documents"). Pursuant to the spreadsheet that accompanied the request, a copy of which is attached hereto, you can see the critical nature of the request.—We need to pay construction bills, FF&E, consultants, payroll, utilities, and other items.

On May 5, 2009 our Licensor, Donald Trump issued a Notice of Default, a copy of which was sent to you by his firm. After receiving the letter, you informed me that funding on our project was halted because of the combination of the decrease in your legal lending limit, together with the Trump default letter. You indicated that the reduction in the legal lending limit would not, per se, cause the cessation, but that it would when combined with a default under the license. You stated that personal liability would accrue to the bank's directors, and for that reason, you would not fund. You told me to expect a letter to that effect from Corus. To date, I have not received such a letter from Corus.

The impact of the non-funding has been drastic. First, Stiles Construction placed a lien on the building in the amount of \$2,027,509.80. You are no doubt aware that the existence of this lien makes unit closings unlikely, due to the title defect caused by the lien. Although your stated goal is not to see closings take place, your tactic is not sanctioned by the loan documents. Second, the non-funding by Corus prohibits us from remedying criticisms expressed by Trump. Third, Corus is placing me in a perilous position vis a vis the Trumps. In the most recent call you had with the Trump Organization, you were questioned as to whether you ceased funding. Quite frankly, Keith, your responses were cloaked in ambiguity, nuance, and are misleading. A fair



reading of your rendition would indicate that you are funding, when you know such is not the case. Your wordsmithing with the Trump Organization is undermining my credibility. The consequences are that it is progressively more difficult to work with that firm. Additionally, I am concerned that false reports to the effect that you are funding and we are not paying our bills with those funds could "leak" to the press or public. Such false revelations will undermine the closings and damage my reputation. Fourth, we have received notice from Florida Power & Light that our electrical service will be terminated for non-payment of the bills. Funds to pay the bills are expected pursuant to our overdue draw request. The absence of electricity will have a detrimental impact on the asset, and will make pre-closing inspections unrealistic.

Pursuant to Article 7.4 of the Loan Documents, Corus is obligated to fund draws within seven business days of receipt. More than the allotted period of time has elapsed, and Corus has not funded, nor has it articulated any cognizable reason for failing to do so. Corus is in default of the Loan Documents by virtue of its failure to fund. Additionally, Corus is in default of the Loan Documents for taking steps directed to, or having the effect of undermining the process of closing title to individual units.

Sincerely yours.

Roy Stillman, Managing Member SB Hotel Associates, LLC

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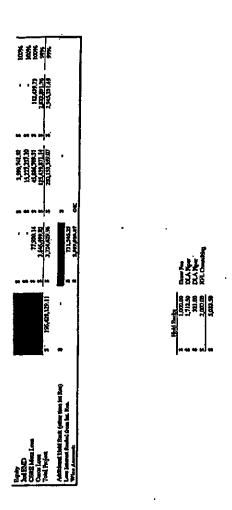
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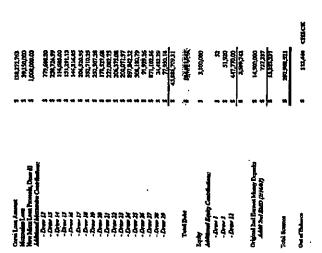
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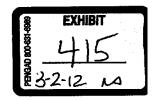
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	MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, TAMPA DIVISION
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4	STEVE AARON, ET AL,
5	Plaintiffs, Index No.: 8:09-CV-2493
6	-against-
7	THE TRUMP ORGANIZATION, INC., A NEW YORK CORPORATION, and DONALD J. TRUMP, AN INDIVIDUAL,
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9	Defendants.
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11	EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL of the Defendant,
12	DONALD J. TRUMP, taken by the Plaintiff, pursuant to
13	Order, held at the offices of Foley & Lardner, LLP,
14	90 Park Avenue, New York, New York, on September 20,
15	2010, at 10:00 a.m., before a Notary Public of the
16	State of New York.
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25	J.D. MARTINEZ, Videographer

1	Donald Trump
2	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are on
3	the record. This is the videotaped
4	deposition of Donald Trump taken in
5	the case of Steve Aaron, et al, versus
6	the Trump Organization, Inc., a New
7	York Corporation, and Donald Trump, an
8	individual, filed in the United States
9	District Court, Middle District of
10	Florida, Tampa Division.
11	Today's date is September 20,
12	2010. The time on the videotaped
13	record is 10:08 a.m. This deposition
14	is being held at 90 Park Avenue, New
15	York, New York. My name is J.D.
16	Martinez on behalf of Digital Media
17	Productions of 120 Broadway, New York,
18	New York.
19	Would everyone please introduce
20	themselves and state whom they
21	represent?
22	MR. CLARK: Thank you. I'll
23	begin. Dan Clark, Clark & Martino, on
24	behalf of the named plaintiffs.
25	MR. TURKEL: Ken Turkel, Bajo

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2	Cuva Cohen & Turkel, on behalf of the
3	named plaintiffs.
4	MR. CLARK: Dan Walbolt is also
5	with me, with my firm.
6	MR. GRIFFIN: Chris Griffin,
7	Foley & Lardner, for the defendants.
8	MR. GARTEN: Alan Garten for
9	the defendant.
10	THE WITNESS: Donald Trump.
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12	DONALD J. TRUMP,
13	Having been first duly sworn before a Notary
14	Public of the State of New York, was examined
15	and testified as follows:
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17	(Whereupon New York Times
18	Magazine article dated October 2006 is
19	marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 for
20	identification as of this date.)
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22	EXAMINATION BY
23	MR. CLARK:
24	Q Please state your name for the record.
25	A Donald Trump.

Donald Trump

What is your address?

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- 3 A 726 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York,
- 4 10022.
- 5 Q Mr. Trump, good morning. Thank you
- 6 for the short delay. We spoke off the
- 7 record. I introduced myself. Thank you for
- 8 accommodating us. We started a little bit
- 9 late, my apologies.
- 10 We are here to take your deposition in
- a case that's been filed against you and your
- 12 company by a number of people in Tampa that I
- 13 represent.
- One of the first things I will show to
- 15 you -- and we will have exhibit boards here
- shortly that will be identical to what you
- 17 see -- there is the New York Times Magazine
- 18 that demonstrates all of your signature
- properties as of October of '06.
- I believe you had an opportunity to
- 21 take a look at that?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Can you open that up just so I can
- 24 refer to those? The Donald Trump -- excuse
- 25 me, Donald J. Trump Signature Properties, who

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 began that slogan of the marketing of your
- 3 properties as such?
- 4 A I did.

5	Q When did that begin?
6	A I would say 10 years ago.
7	Q Was that an idea just taking your
8	ingenuity and your value of your name and
9	putting it into a marketing title for those
10	properties?
11	A I think generally speaking, yes. I
12	mean, marketing, but also ownership,
13	different forms of ownership, consulting, et
14	cetera, et cetera, but a better property, a
15	better property or potential property, we use
16	the word signature.
17	Q I know I have tried to study as
18	much as I possibly could, understanding your
19	properties and gearing up for the deposition,
20	quite frankly, before I took the case.
21	Can you express to those who may watch
22	this video down in Tampa, in this case, what
23	it means to be a Donald J. Trump property, in
24	terms of value, as in terms of success?
25	MR. GRIFFIN: I am going to

1	Donald Trump
2	object to the form of the question.
3	If I make objections such as
4	that, it is for the record and for the
5	judge to determine later. Please,

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6		after my objection, go ahead and
7		answer the question. If for some
8		reason I think that it is a greater
9		objection than the norm, I will
10		instruct you not to answer it.
11		There is no instruction at this
12		time, and if I ever make an objection
13		and you would like the question read
14		back before you answer it, you are
15		welcome to ask for that.
16	A	You mean a Donald J. Trump Signature
17	propert	cy?
18	Q	That's correct.
19	A	Because you left the word Signature
20	out.	
21	Q	My apologies.
22	A	You mean Signature Property?
23	Q	Yes, sir?
24	А	It would not necessarily indicate
25	ownersh	nip, but in some cases it does. In

1	Donald Trump
2	many cases, as I look at some of these
3	buildings, it does indicate ownership. It
4	indicates quality more than anything else.
5	The property would have to be of a
6	significant quality to use the Donald J.
7	Trump Signature Property.

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- 8 Is there a distinction in your mind between a Donald J. Trump Signature Property 10 and maybe another property that you are involved with, whether by ownership or 11 12 otherwise? 13 A I think Signature generally is the 14 highest end property. Q Starting 10 years ago, you came out 15 with that --16 17 Yes. 18 -- trademarked description of those 19 properties? 20 That is correct. On that list of properties, obviously 21 22 they caught our attention -- the Trump Tower

There are a couple of other properties

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Tampa is there. You see that there?

Correct.

Donald Trump

there that have been in some dispute. I

believe there is a number of the Trump

International hotels that are referenced

there?

6 A Correct.

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7 Q What I was interested in knowing, sir,

8 was what is the difference between the Trump

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9 Tower and the hotel and residence? I mean, I 10 stayed in your New York hotel over the 11 weekend. I know that you have a residence 12 next door. 13 Α Well, they are both --14 MR. GRIFFIN: I object to the form of the question. Go ahead. 15 They are both very successful. They 16 are both very well located. They are 17 different in that Trump Towers is quite a bit 18 19 taller building. Trump Towers is on 57 and 56th Street and Fifth Avenue. It is a retail 20 primarily, which Trump International doesn't 21 have. It is a retail office and residential, 22 whereas the building you stayed at, Trump 23 24 International Hotel and Tower, is a hotel and 25 residential. It doesn't have office and it

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1		Donald Trump
2	doesn	t have retail.
3	Q	Do you agree, and I absolutely think
4	that I	know your answer to this, when you put
5	the Tr	ump name on a property, it brings
6	immedi	ate value?
7	A	Yes.
8	Q	The Trump factor, it has been called?
9	А	Yes, that's been very well proven.

There was -- I forgot the guy's name

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11	that came up with the "Trump factor" as that
12	quoted language. That Trump factor, have you
13	ever tried to put a dollar figure on it so
14	that you go out to the marketplace, whether
15	it is on your financials or however else one
16	would account for that; have you ever tried
17	to do that?
18	A Well, we have looked into it and
19	reports have been done. I don't have them
20	available now, but I think I could probably
21	find them, where there is a value
22	attributable to a Trump building. I don't
23	know if that's because of the brand or
24	because of the locations or because of lots
25	of goodwill that's been built up over the

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1	Donald Trump
2	years, but there is a value to the Trump name
3	being on a building.
4	Q We were all excited in Tampa when you
5	came to put your name on the Trump Tower
6	Tampa.
7	A So was I.
8	Q We knew that value was going to be
9	brought to our home town. When I grew up,
10	Tampa was not what it is today, 20, 30 years
11	ago. When you came to Tampa, how did you

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know that this was a right place for a Trump 12 13 Tower? 14 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the 15 form of the question. Go ahead. 16 I was very excited also to be in 17 Tampa. A good friend of mine that passed 18 away, George Steinbrenner, loves Tampa --19 loved Tampa. He actually told me what a 20 wonderful site this was and what a great job this would be. George actually had a lot to 21 22 do with it. 23 Derek Jeter was somebody that told me 24 also it is great. He lives in one of my

buildings. He lives at Trump World Tower

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1	Donald Trump
2	opposite the United Nations. We have a lot
3	of the Yankees, traditionally, that have been
4	living in my buildings.
5	Derek was actually very excited about
6	it. He expressed it one time. George
7	thought it was a great site, a really good
8	site. I asked him about it specifically and
9	he was very excited that I was going down
10	there. I was very excited that I was going
11	to Tampa.
12	Q When you looked at those properties,
13	the Signature properties, clearly one cannot

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14	make distinctions between what you, sir,
15	Mr. Trump, owned versus something else.
16	Can you point out for me from that
17	list of properties which are owned and
18	largely developed by you versus a license
19	arrangement like you had in that situation?
20	A Sure. You want me to start all of
21	them?
22	Q If it is going
23	A We can do it quickly. If you look up,
24	Trump National Golf Club is a hundred percent
25	owned by me. Trump National of Bedminister

1	Donald Trump
2	is a hundred percent owned by me. Trump
3	International of Palm Beach is owned by me a
4	hundred percent. Trump Canouan is a license
5	deal. That's a licensed transaction. I
6	don't own that and I am not a partner in
7	that. Some licensing deals, I consider
8	myself to be a partner and we are partners.
9	Trump Tower, I own that. Trump Park
10	Avenue, that's my job. Trump World Tower,
11	where Derek Jeter lives, is my job. I own
12	that, I built that.
13	Trump International Hotel and Tower,
1 1	Number One Central Park West where you

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The Trump building at 40 Wall Street,

stayed, that was my job. I built that job. 15 Trump Place on the West Side, I built that 16 job with partners. We had partners from 17 18 different places. Trump Park and Trump Park East, that's 19 my job. I built it. Trump Palace in New 20 York, that's my job. I built it. 21 16 Park Avenue, I did that with Colony 22 Capital, which is a big fund in California. 23 It was a very big success. 24

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Donald Trump 1 I own that building. I own a hundred percent 2 3 of that building. Trump Tower White Plains, that was a licensing deal that I am -- that I have a 5 licensing fee for. I am not a partner, per 6 se. I have a licensing fee. There is a 7 8 difference, which I am sure we will get into. Trump Plaza New Rochelle, that was a 9 licensed deal. Trump Soho, that's a 10 licensing deal, but I get a percentage of the 11 profits, so in a sense, I am a partner there. 12 Kind of like Trump Tower Tampa 13 ultimately as amended -- excuse me? 14 I view a partnership to be when we get 15 a percentage of profits, when I have a 16

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17	percentage of ownership, when I have
18	beyond just a fee, beyond a flat fee, where
19	you get a flat fee for helping to for
20	using the name or for using the name and
21	helping with the building.
22	Trump Hollywood, that's a licensing
23	deal. Trump Plaza Jersey City is a licensing
24	deal. The estates of Trump International and
25	Los Angeles on the ocean, I own that. Trump

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1 Donald Trump 2 International Hotel and Tower in Ft. Lauderdale, that was a licensing deal. Trump 3 Towers Sunny Isle, that's a licensing deal. The Dubai project was partially licensed, 5 6 partial partnership. 7 The Trump International Hotel and Tower in Chicago, I own that building. It is 8 a big building and I own it. Trump World Tower in Soho, that was a licensing deal. 10 Trump National Golf Club, Los Angeles, 11 I own that. Trump New Orleans, that's a 12 13 licensing deal. Trump International Hotel and Tower 14 Waikiki -- it just opened two weeks ago. 15 16 That's a combination of licensing and other things. Trump International Hotel Las Vegas, 17

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I own that. Trump Tower Philadelphia, that's 18 19 a licensing deal. Trump Tower Tampa, that's a 20 partnership, and I also get licensing fees, 21 but it was a partnership because I get a 22 substantial percentage of profits. 23 Trump Ocean Club is a licensing deal. 24 Trump Grande is a licensing deal. Trump Las 25

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1 Donald Trump Olas is a licensing deal. The Mar-a-Lago 2 Club, I own. 3 The Villa Trump in Brazil, I sold a couple of years ago, and Trump International 5 Hotel in Toronto, that's a partnership. 7 Other than that, I covered a lot of territory. 8 That was a lot of territory, sir. 9 Thank you for going through that. Based upon 10 what you do in a given day and where you 11 manage your time, is there any distinction 12 13 whether it is an owned property or one that you largely are developing, versus a 14 licensing deal or a partnership, as you kind 15 of described it? 16 Anything I put my name to is very 17 important. If I allow my name to be used, 18

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whether it is a partnership or whether it is

- 20 a licensing deal, they are all very important
- 21 to me.
- 22 Q Because your name, that has value, and
- 23 if something happens to your name--
- 24 A The name has a lot of value, and so
- 25 any time I use my name, whether it is a

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 licensing deal or whether it is something I
- 3 own and build myself, it is very important.
- I mean, I don't break it up and say, oh, gee,
- 5 this is more important than that. Anything
- 6 that I have my name on is very important.
- 7 Q Do you agree with me that anybody
- 8 that's looking at investing or buying into
- 9 one of your properties, whether they are
- 10 licensed partnership or owned, has
- 11 expectations of quality, absolute?
- 12 A That's true.
- 13 Q Expectations that when you put your
- name on something, it's going to be top
- shelf, the best available?
- 16 A That's true.
- 17 Q Whether you actually come out of
- 18 pocket, Mr. Trump, and put your money in a
- 19 deal, from your perspective it doesn't
- 20 matter. You are still going to commit a

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- 21 hundred percent, or as my father used to say,
- 22 110 percent, to anything you put your name
- 23 to?
- 24 A I think that's true, yes.
- 25 Q There are also distinctions between

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1	Donald Trump
2	the properties, a license deal and one you
3	own. There are some distinctions?
4	A There are legal distinctions. There
5	are distinctions, I guess. Each property is
6	in a different form. I just went through a
7	lot of properties, and there are very few
8	that are similar. There are many different
9	forms of ownership, partnership and licensing
10	deals.
11	Q There are legal distinctions. Do they
12	cause projects to have difficulties, whether
13	it be needing money, permitting, whatever the
1 4	various things, getting the best contractor
15	on the job, getting financing? Are there
16	problems when you have distinctions legally
17	and the effect that those distinctions may
18	have on a property?
19	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
20	form of the question. Go ahead.
21	Q Do you understand my question?
22	A I would like it explained maybe a

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- 23 little differently.
- 24 Q I am a lawyer trained so I understand
- 25 when you say legal distinctions. Legal

1	Donald Trump
2	distinctions is for those who may watch
3	this, there is a clear distinction between a
4	licensing deal when you've endorsed or put
5	your mark to something and to which you on
6	the flip side of that own something. Legally
7	that's a different document, correct?
8	A Yes.
9	Q Legally your name and you may have to
10	sign various guarantees when you are the
11	owner, correct?
12	A Correct.
13	Q Those distinctions, those legal
14	distinctions are going to have some effect on
15	the project, would you agree, from the
16	smallest to the largest?
17	A Well, again, when I own something, I
18	work very hard to make sure it is successful.
19	If we license something and there are many
20	forms of licensing, but if we license
21	something we also make sureyou know, we
22	try our best to make it very successful. It
23	is very important to us to have the license

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- deals also be successful.
- 25 Q Those distinctions can cause trouble,

1	Donald Trump
2	because if Donald Trump owns a project, owns
3	a building, owns a development, Donald Trump
4	can go out and get financing?
5	A Yes, I can get financing generally.
6	Q You have a variety of projects that I
7	have studied, whereas the owner of the
8	property you are not going to have trouble
9	getting financing for a project.
10	A I think today everybody has trouble
11	getting financing for a project. Actually
12	since the real estate depression, as I call
13	it, I mean everybody really has trouble
14	getting financing.
15	Q Does that apply to you, sir? Have you
16	had trouble on projects that you have owned
17	and developed?
18	A I haven't done certain projects
19	because financing is not available.
20	Q Okay.
21	A Certain projects aren't done because
22	financing is just not available.
23	Q Let's put out a couple of examples.
24	A Go ahead.
25	Q That were going up, Trump Tower Tampa

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1	Donald Trump
2	was going up or was coming out of the ground
3	about the same time as some of the other ones
4	that you were owning?
5	A Correct.
6	Q The ones that you were owning at the
7	time you got financed, correct?
8	A Well, I would have to look at the
9	individual jobs. I mean, certain jobs didn't
10	get financed. For instance, I was doing a
11	job in Dubai, and that was going to be built
12	by essentially the country of Dubai. Now,
13	what's better than Dubai? Guess what, they
14	went essentially bust. They were taken over
15	by another country.
16	Who would have thought that job that
17	was Trump Palm built on the island of Dubai
18	and that job was a government job and they
19	weren't able to get financing for it. That
20	was the country of Dubai. Things happen.
21	I am just looking at another one,
22	Philadelphia. They were unable to get
23	financing, a very strong partnership. I will
24	say this, what I do strive to get are great
25	locations. You know, when you get outside of

Donald Trump 1 Manhattan, which is my base, it is very hard 2 to do things without a partnership in the 3 world of real estate because real estate is largely a local business. The people in 5 Tampa know the best sheetrock contractor, they know the best plumbers, they know the 7 best roofers. I don't. 8 I know the Yankees because I go to see 9 Tampa. I used to go a lot with George to the 1.0 Yankee games in Tampa. But they know the 11 different contractors, so I always believed 12 in getting partners once I get too far 13 outside of my own realm, especially in places 14 15 like Dubai and other things, but also in places like Tampa or Miami, et cetera. 16 We have had some very good partners, 17 but sometimes a market supersedes a partner. 18 When the market crashed, very many brilliant 19 20 real estate men went bust over the last few years. They essentially went out of 21 business. They went bankrupt or out of 22 business. That had to do with a very major 23 market condition and it is a tough period of 24 25 time for people.

1	Donald Trump
2	Q The Trump Hotel and Tower in Toronto,
3	the Trump Soho, Trump International Hotel in
4	Panama all got financing?
5	A They did.
6	Q Through the market crash, for lack of
7	a better description?
8	A They did, but some didn't.
9	Q Those properties that I just
10	mentioned, Toronto, Soho and Panama, all were
11	your own projects, correct?
12	A Well, let's go over them. Soho was a
13	licensed deal with a partnership interest
14	and
15	Q That's in your backyard.
16	A A little bit like Tampa. I have a
17	partnership interest and I also have a
18	license deal. The other one you mentioned
19	was what?
20	Q The Panama project.
21	A No, the Panama project is purely a
22	licensed deal.
23	Q That got financed?
24	A That got financed. It was just prior
25	to the depression. They got their financing

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Donald Trump

- 2 just in time. Somebody said it was the last
- 3 bond issue done. Now it is starting up again
- 4 with the bond issues, as you have been
- 5 reading.
- 6 Q Sure.
- 7 A That was the last bond issue. That is
- 8 a license deal that got financed, a developer
- 9 in Panama.
- 10 Q Toronto?
- 11 A Toronto was a licensing deal that also
- 12 got financed. A very rich developer from the
- 13 Toronto area is doing that job. That is
- 14 going up and I think it is doing very well.
- 15 That got financed, yes.
- 16 Q Did you have any opportunity to step
- in to help with financing of this project,
- 18 Tampa?
- 19 A The Tampa project?
- 20 Q The Trump Tower Tampa.
- 21 A What happened in Tampa, there was a
- 22 big problem, as I remember, with the
- foundations, but that's a problem that's
- 24 always surmountable. You can do that with --
- I always say you have to throw some money at

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 it. The real problem was the market was --

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- 3 you know, it went from being very good to
- 4 being horrendous. You know, the Tampa market
- 5 right now is in very bad shape.
- 6 Would I have stepped in? Well, if I
- 7 did, it would have been a mistake, because if
- 8 the building had been built, it would have
- 9 been pretty problematic, as you know, because
- 10 all you have to do is look at the Tampa
- 11 market.
- 12 Q But you pulled your name from it, so
- once you pulled your name from it, I don't
- 14 care who you are, nobody is going to be
- 15 putting that type of money.
- 16 A Yes, I took my name off. As I
- 17 remember, they were -- you have to speak to
- my attorneys about this, but we sent them a
- 19 legal notice to take the name off because of
- 20 certain obligations which they did not meet.
- 21 Q But at that point they are dead in the
- 22 water once you pulled your name off; would
- 23 you agree with that?
- 24 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
- form of the question. Go ahead.

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 A I think they were -- I think the
- 3 market changed very radically prior to my
- 4 pulling the name off. I think they tried

- 5 very hard to make this job successful.
- 6 Q There were other projects that just
- 7 got put on hold though during the market
- 8 crash?
- 9 A Some get put on hold, some get
- 10 terminated and some get dumped. In this
- 11 particular case, they were having some very
- 12 serious market problems prior to my pulling
- 13 the name off.
- 14 Q Las Olas in Ft. Lauderdale?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Am I saying it correctly?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q That got put on hold; right?
- 19 A That got put on hold. That was a
- 20 license.
- 21 O It is not dead in the water?
- 22 A Well, I think it is. The market
- 23 killed it. That was a licensing deal. That
- 24 was -- I really have nothing to do with that
- one. That was put on hold.

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- 2 Q Have you pulled your name from it?
- 3 A I think it was terminated.
- 4 Q Sorry to interrupt.
- 5 A I think we had, yes. Again, market

- 6 conditions made it impractical, really 7 impractical to build. Is that your final answer kind of 9 thing in this case, Tampa Trump was killed by 10 the market? 11 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the 12 form of the question. Go ahead. Well, I think the market was a 13 14 disaster. The market in Tampa was record 15 bad. It was as bad as Miami. It was as bad as other locations, and continues to be. 16 Certainly had the market -- let's put it this 17 way, had the crash, which we all know about, 18 19 which we all acknowledge, I think, had the
- 22 Q Why do you say that?

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23 A I just think it would have been built.

crash not occurred, this building would have

been built. I have no doubt about that.

- 24 Had the crash not occurred, I think this
- 25 building would have been built.

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1	Donald Trump
2	Q If you would have been the owner of
3	this project, would it have been dead in the
4	water, as it is now?
5	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
6	form of the question. Go ahead.
7	A With the crash having taken place as

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8 it did? 9 Q Yes. A Yes. 10 11 Everything staying equal, but changing the fact --12 I think probably the project would not 13 14 have been built. I was a partner in the job 15 as it was. I hated to see this job not get built because it was a beautiful job in a 16 good location, but the market conditions 17 throughout the world were so bad that had it 18 19 been built, it would have been much worse. Frankly it would have been much worse 20 for the people had they bought their property 21 and closed. They would have lost a lot more 22 money. 23 24 O Is it your position in this case that, 25 yes, we had a market crash, particularly

1	Donald Trump
2	Tampa, and given the market effect there that
3	that's the distinction between your other
4	projects going up, whether you're licensed or
5	owned in comparison to Tampa? It is just
6	location?
7	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
8	form of the question.

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9	A I will give you an example. In
10	Chicago, I built a big building, a much more
11	expensive building by I got that one
12	built. The difference is that in Chicago I
13	got my financing just prior to the crash.
14	So, we built it during the crash, but I had
15	financing. I was just about the only
16	building to get built in Chicago, but that
17	building was built because the financing was
18	secured prior to the crash. Some buildings
19	weren't built like Dubai and others.
20	Q When you had the line in the sand in
21	your head right before the market crash or
22	right on the eve of that in making
23	comparisons, is there a date or a time period
24	in your mind when you had to get your
25	financing before things went bad?

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1	Donald Trump
2	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
3	form of the question.
4	A We can look up the date. I don't know
5	exactly what that date was, but there was
6	basically a crash having to do with Lehman,
7	and ultimately having to do with Bear
8	Stearns, and it was a mess. It was a very
9	tragic period. It was, you know, the second
10	greatest crash after the Great Depression.

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11	We could have gone into the Great Depression,
12	but no bank was loaning money for anything,
13	let alone to build a condominium development,
14	whether it is Tampa or anybody else or
15	anyplace else, and that means virtually
16	anywhere in the world. We are not talking
17	about Tampa. This is not a Tampa problem.
18	This was a worldwide problem.
19	Q I guess what I am thinking off the top
20	of my head is the crash is over here and
21	Trump Tower Tampa had a ton of time to get
22	its financing in place before the crash
23	occurred. Do you agree with that?
24	A I think what they were doing was they
25	were making sure everything was good. Again,

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1	Donald Trump
2	you would have to ask them. The developing
3	group was, from what I have found out, this
4	is a little bit subject to checking.
5	Q Second-hand?
6	A It is second-hand, but they were
7	working very hard, I will say that. They
8	were really trying to do a really good
9	project. They wanted everything perfect and
10	they figured they could get their financing
11	because history shows there is a long window

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12 for getting financing. 13 Then one day Lehman went bad, Bear 14 Stearns went bad, and the entire market 15 crashed. Yes, I think they would have gotten 16 their financing had we not had that. I think 17 they probably felt, like many people, you are 18 not the only ones; if they wait, they will 19 get a better deal. But what happened is they 20 did wait and the market crashed. 21 A lot of people were in that same 22 position. They wanted their plans perfect. 23 They wanted their plans and specifications perfect. They waited and frankly. Getting 24 financing was easy. Getting financing was 25

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1	Donald Trump
2	easy for jobs like this, for any of the jobs
3	Then one day there was a crash and you could
4	not get financing, so I don't think they did
5	anything different than many, many developers
6	throughout the country and throughout the
7	world.
8	They were getting their plans and
9	everything ready. They were focused on the
10	job. They were doing sales and presales and
11	then the market crashed.
12	Q The Chicago property has your personal
13	guarantees, correct?

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14	A Limited, limited guarantees, but it
15	had some guarantees.
16	Q Donald J. Trump, you, sir, guaranteed
17	to a certain extent, whatever that extent is?
18	A But again, that financing was
19	gotten I had limited guarantees, very
20	limited, but that financing was gotten prior
21	to the crash. Same thing with my Las Vegas
22	job. I built that also, and I owned that.
23	Q Personal guarantees?

A Very limited, completion, but that

was, I got that financing prior to the crash.

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1	Donald Trump
2	Had I not, I wouldn't have been able to have
3	gotten that done.
4	Q That was a huge project, was it not?
5	A Big project, sure, both of them.
6	Q There were no personal guarantees from
7	you for the Trump Tower Tampa, correct?
8	A None whatsoever.
9	Q In the other license deals
10	A In fact, I don't even know how I am in
11	this case personally, okay? So you will have
12	to explain that to me.
13	Q I will be glad to.
14	A You will have to explain that to my

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- 15 lawyer. I had absolutely no personal
- guarantees.
- 17 Q Very good. In your other licensing
- deals, do you -- putting aside the Trump
- 19 Tower Tampa for a minute, those other
- 20 licensing deals, whether they are just
- 21 straight licensing fees versus a partnership,
- do you, sir, or your company disclose to
- 23 those buyers that you're merely licensing
- 24 your name?
- 25 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 form of the question. Go ahead.
- 3 A I think in some cases we do. I am just
- 4 not sure.
- 5 Q Tell me what you know.
- 6 A I really don't. I mean, I really
- 7 don't. As I told you before, whether I
- 8 license or whether I own, we work very hard
- 9 to make sure the building is going to be a
- 10 really good building. I don't know, every
- 11 deal is so different. Each deal here, every
- one of these deals is a totally different
- 13 deal. Real estate is a complex subject and
- 14 every deal is a different deal.
- 15 Q The licensing agreement in this
- 16 particular case, Trump Tower Tampa with

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17	Simdag, had a very structured confidentiality
18	that nobody to the agreement could disclose
19	the terms of it?
20	A Correct.
21	Q Especially some of the key terms that
22	went into the termination letter that was
23	sent out prior to your lawsuit with Simdag.
24	Do you know, sir, whether that similar
25	confidentiality agreement or provision is in

1	Donald Trump
2	other licensing agreements?
3	A I think I have it in every one or
4	almost every one. Confidentiality is very
5	important. I don't want my competitors to
6	know my deals. I don't want them to see what
7	deal I am making in Tampa, what deal I am
8	making in Panama, what deal I am making in
9	New York, what deal I am making throughout
10	the world. So, we have confidentiality in
11	many of our deals, if not all. I mean, you
12	would have to ask my lawyer that question,
13	but we have confidentiality is very
14	important.
15	Q Regardless of the structure, the terms
16	of your licensing deals that I absolutely
17	agree would be confidential to the extent of

18	dollars being paid, what the terms are, but
19	the general sense of disclosing to ultimate
20	buyers on the street that want to go live or
21	invest in a Trump property, in these other
22	licensing deals, putting aside Trump Tower
23	Tampa, do you disclose to buyers your actual
24	involvement owner versus a licensing
25	arrangement?

1	Donald Trump
2	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
3	form of the question.
4	A Each deal is different. I would love
5	to give you one answer, but every deal is
6	totally different. As an example, every
7	deal, many of the deals I have different
8	lawyers. I have lawyers where this gentleman
9	is not involved. I have a different set
10	that's involved in California. I have
11	different sets that are involved and they
12	have their own way of doing things of the
13	each and Dubai I had lawyers from
14	Q Dubai?
15	A Dubai. We have good lawyers, but they
16	all have their own way of doing things. And
17	probably, again, I wouldn't know the answer
18	to this, but there are probably different
19	disclosures for different deals.

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20	Q I don't want you to guess because we
21	are not here to take guesses. It helps
22	nobody on either side. My question is more
23	focused to what you know as you sit here
24	right now. Do you know if you disclosed in
25	these other licensing deals your actual

1	Donald Trump
2	involvement as a licensor of the name?
3	A I don't know. I really don't.
4	Q Do you know whether you disclosed the
5	licensing arrangement in general sense,
6	without necessarily the terms, to anyone with
7	respect to the Trump Tower Tampa?
8	A I really don't know. I really don't
9	know.
10	Q Do you recall ever discussing in any
11	way, shape or form, you personally, to anyone
12	that this was just a licensing arrangement?
13	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
14	form of the question.
15	A I don't think first of all, when
16	you say just a licensing, I don't consider
17	this to be just a licensing deal. I consider
18	myself to be a partner in the Tampa deal. I
19	have told you other cases where I was a
20	licensor, I was purely a licensor. In the

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Tampa deal I got a major percentage of the
profits from the deal. We worked very hard
on the design of the building. My staff
worked very hard to make sure the ceiling
heights were right, the windows -- a lot of

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1	Donald Trump
2.	different things went into this building. It
3	was a complicated building, but it would have
4	been a beautiful building had it not been for
5	the market crash.
6	I don't consider this to be merely a
7	licensing deal. I consider, really, being a
8	partner in this deal because of the fact that
9	I share a major percentage of the properties
10	in the deal.
11	Q You would expect those who were
12	investing and buying the property to have
13	those expectations, given your name was put
14	to the project, that you were partner
15	quality
16	A No, I wouldn't expect that. I would
17	say if somebody were to ask, they could be
18	told, but in the case of Tampa, I really
19	considered Tampa, we worked harder in
20	Tampa than we worked on most jobs. In Tampa
21	I considered myself to be a partner because
22	we shared in the profits. I don't usually -

I don't always do that. Sometimes I do,
sometimes I don't, but when I start sharing
in profits, we really -- that really is in

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1	Donald Trump
2	the form of a partner.
3	Q Would you expect people buying or
4	investing in a Trump property like Trump
5	Tower Tampa, would you expect them to know
6	the distinction between you as a licensing
7	partner and an owner?
8	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
9	form of the question. Go ahead.
10	A I think they knew that I wasn't down
11	there building the building. People didn't
12	expect that I was going to be spending the
13	next two years in Tampa building the
14	building.
15	Q I am sorry, you are right.
16	A I think they felt confident that I was
17	not going to be in Tampa building the
18	building. They also knew of Simdag.
19	Everybody knew of Simdag. The developers
20	were very well known in the area and
21	respected in the area. I think they knew
22	that Donald Trump wasn't the person that was
23	going to be down there building the building.

- 24 Certainly they didn't think -- I never got a
- 25 call from somebody saying why aren't you down

Donald Trump 1 there building this building. Nobody 2 expected it. 3 Is there such a thing as Donald Trump building the building in any of these projects? 6 Sure. 7 Α Can you name one? 8 Chicago. 9 Chicago, where you are actually on 10 site? 11 Yes, well -- no, not on site, but I 12 went there a lot. I was building the 13 building, my people were building the 14 building. Las Vegas, my people were building 15 16 the building. When you say your people? 17 People that worked for me directly, 18 people that I paid a salary to. They were 19 building that building. 20 What makes you say that the buyers --21 forget the buyers for a second. Tampa, from 22 the mayor all the way down, did not expect 23 that Donald Trump would be building this 24 building. What makes you say that? 25

1	Donard framp
2	A Well, I just feel that, number one, I
3	think that was the perception, that I wasn't
4	building the building. I think there were
5	numerous articles, press articles that ${\tt I}$
6	wasn't building the building, per se. I
7	wasn't building it. I would say that that
8	would be to me, that would be the perception.
9	If somebody were to ask or if somebody
10	were to call my office, I would certainly say
11	that I am not building the building. If they
12	ask whether or not I was a partner in the
13	building, I would say yes, I got a percentage
14	of the profits in the building. I had a big
15	stake in the building. I had a very big
16	stake in the building, but because
17	development is a local business, it was
18	better that local people were building the
19	building than me because I don't know the
20	sheetrock contractors and I don't know the
21	plumbers and the roofers and the people in
22	Tampa. I don't know them. I wouldn't be as
23	good building the building as a local group.
24	Q I think you said this already, but I
25	just want to be crystal clear in my head. In

1	Donald Trump
2	your opinion, sir, you personally, did you
3	think the deal in Tampa was dead before you
4	pulled your name from the project?
5	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
6	form of the question. Go ahead.
7	A I didn't know it was dead or not. I
8	know that we sent out a notice I guess that
9	was based on a default, that they had not
10	Q Paid you.
11	A They had not paid us. They had run
12	into terrible market conditions and I
13	understood that and they had not paid us.
14	Q How much did you ultimately get out?
15	I know it is probably confidential in Simdag.
16	I know it went to mediation and ultimately
17	resolved and the file is closed. I don't
18	know if there is anything dangling. I don't
19	know if your lawyer has any instruction for
20	you, and I want to give an introduction to
21	that, to the extent you are going to instruct
22	him so wait.
23	MR. GRIFFIN: Let me just, if I
24	may, if you are going to get into any
25	specifics about the settlement of

1	Donald Trump
2	other lawsuits, it is confidential. I
3	will instruct him not to answer on
4	that basis.
5	Q Let me lay the question out. Take the
6	instruction and we will deal with it later,
7	okay?
8	A Okay.
9	Q Did you settle your lawsuit with
10	Simdag?
11	MR. GRIFFIN: I will instruct
12	you not to answer.
13	Q Yes or no, either way?
14	MR. GRIFFIN: Look, I will
15	stipulate that the lawsuit was
16	dismissed. Beyond that I am not going
17	to let him answer any questions.
18	Q Understood. Next question, did you
19	settle your lawsuit with Dr. Shahanassarian's
20	wife?
21	MR. GRIFFIN: I instruct you
22	not to answer. I object on the basis
23	of confidentiality.
24	Q With respect to any ongoing litigation
25	with respect to those projects that were

2	licensing arrangements, have you settled any
3	of those lawsuits?
4	MR. GRIFFIN: I am going to
5	have to speak to Mr. Garten. I don't
6	know anything about other lawsuits,
7	whether we can so give me a second.
8	MR. CLARK: Sure, let's take
9	two minutes. We can table it and just
10	keep moving.
11	MR. GRIFFIN: Good idea.
12	Q You sued Simdag, as I read the lawsuit
13	and the pleadings, because they did not pay
14	you the licensing fee, is that correct, or
15	were there other reasons?
16	A I would rather have you ask my lawyers
17	because
18	Q I am only asking you what you know.
19	If you don't know, that's completely fine and
20	understandable.
21	A We sued them for various reasons, I
22	guess, and I would rather have you refer to
23	my lawyers on what exactly took place. I
24	don't want to be inaccurate.
25	Q One of the things that was disclosed

1 Donald Trump

2 in this case, and I won't bore you with all

3	the procedural steps in the Federal case, it
4	is disclosed to us that your son Mr. Trump
5	Jr., possesses general information about the
6	amendment that was the first amendment that
7	went to the licensing arrangement.
8	I thought it was kind of awkward that
9	in the disclosures you possessed the
1.0	background going into the original agreement
11	and that your son possessed information
12	separately about the amendment. Is there a
13	distinction, in your mind, about what you
14	know with respect to the original agreement
15	and the amendment, or am I just off base?
16	A My son became involved with the job
17	over a period of time so he would know
18	something about the job.
19	Q The distinction between the two
20	documents, as I see it, the licensing
21	arrangement on solid dollars went from
22	2 million to 4 million. Do you know the
23	chronology of events that led to that?
24	A I do not.
25	Q Would he know that, if you know?

1	Donald Trump
2	A I sort of doubt it.
3	Q The licensing arrangements that you
4	pointed out for these projects, who came up

5	with the idea of licensing your name?
6	A I did.
7	Q Can you take us back in time when that
8	came about?
9	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
10	form.
11	Q Is there a time period in your mind
12	and you said this is me talking I've
13	created a great name from hard work, value,
14	all the things that we have read about and
15	know about of you, sir, that I am going to go
16	out and license my name and give people
17	quality without actually having to put and
18	investing dollars in the project?
19	A It took place years ago. I had done a
20	good job. We have had great success, and I
21	think the brand has become very valuable,
22	only enhanced very greatly by the Apprentice,
23	which you watched the other night. I
24	appreciate your telling me that. And the
25	brand has been enhanced by the great success

l	Donald Trump
2	of the Apprentice and Celebrity Apprentice on
3	television.
4	Years ago, we started people would
<u> </u>	come to us and they say, you know, we want to

build a building in a certain location in 6 Waikiki and we would like to use the Trump 7 brand or we want to build a building 8 someplace else and we want to use the Trump 9 brand. 10 All of a sudden, we started making 11 some deals which were licensing deals, some 12 deals which were licensing and partnership 13 deals. It is very funny because almost all 1.4 of the deals are different. I mean, I can't 15 think of -- it is not just like a 16 boilerplate, where you just sign. Every deal 17 is different. Some people have cash and they 18 would rather pay cash. Other people don't 19 have cash, they would rather pay a percentage 20 over a period of time. Some people would 21 rather have you as a partner and give you a 22 piece of the deal or a piece of the profits. 23 Each deal is very different. 24 The dollars of how you value licensing 25

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1	Donald Trump
2	your name, whether it is just a straight fee
3	versus a partnership, is there a value that
4	you put into each deal? Is there some kind
5	of calculation that you go in and say, okay,
6	guys, are you coming to me, hypothetically?
7	A Vee it is very ad hoc.

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8	Q Really?
9	A It depends on the developer, it
10	depends on the location, it depends as an
11	example, we did a deal in New Orleans, a
12	licensing deal and, like, almost I may be
13	wrong on this a little bit, but a few days
14	later it got hit by the big hurricane, the
15	disaster. They paid a lot of money to go in.
16	I think it was \$2 million up front. I called
17	them, I said do you want your money back.
18	They said, no, no, we are going to build this
19	job, and that was, like, how many years ago.
20	Years ago.
21	Q Five, six?
22	A They are still working on that job. I
23	think they are going to get it built. It is
24	amazing. They didn't want their money back.
25	Things happen. In that case it was Katrina.

1	Donald Trump
2	But things happen. That was an amazing one
3	because we had made the deal, and I remember
4	reading or hearing that there is a big
5	hurricane coming into New Orleans. I called
6	them up I said you guys okay. They said no
7	problem. The next day it was like a
8	disaster.

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1	Donald Trump
2	A I think they value the brand, yes.
3	Q If you take your brand with you from a
4	project, whatever it may be this happened
5	to be one example, but I am not tying it to
6	it you lose value, it is not a Donald
7	Trump brand property, correct?
8	A What do you mean?
9	Q If you take your name off it?
10	A If I take my name off.

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11	Q If you went to the hotel that I stayed
12	at and pulled your name from it and put some
13	other person there, that loses value?
14	A Well, when we took our name from the
15	Tampa job, it looked like the market had
16	destroyed that job, so I don't know that it
17	lost value.
18	Q You would agree, if you yank your
19	brand name from a project, it loses value
20	that day. Do you agree with that?
21	A I think the projects are more valuable
22	if my name is on them, yes.
23	Q The flip side of that, not to try to
24	heckle you with questions, if you pull your
25	brand name from that, there goes the value as

1	Donald Trump
2	well?
3	A I don't say there goes the value, but
4	I think the brand has a value. It doesn't
5	mean it won't be successful without the
6	brand. A job can go up without my brand and
7	be very successful also.
8	Q The deal that was structured for Trump
9	Tower Tampa put a price point in place for
10	units square footage. With your Trump brand
11	on that project, you well exceeded the square

footage value, correct? 12 I don't remember. 13 You don't remember. Well, you can 14 assume it because I looked at the numbers. 15 I think so. I am not surprised. It 16 has happened elsewhere. 17 Q It seems to me that you can go into a 18 project, and tell me if I am wrong, and look 19 at a project, look at the market, see what 20 the market retails at and say if I put my 21 brand here it is going up 20, 30 percent, and 22 then you put that into the equation of your 23

agreement so that you take a piece of that if

you are partnering, correct?

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1	Donald Trump
2	A Very complicated. It is a very
3	complicated there is no formula. Each job
4	is different. Each job is totally different.
5	It depends on the developer, the location,
6	the city, the area. Some don't have very
7	much cash, some have a lot of cash. Each job
8	is different. Every one of these jobs is
9	different.
10	Q My example of going to the
11	marketplace, knowing your square footage of a
12	normal development, and knowing the Trump
13	brand is going to increase that retail value,

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14	does that go into your equation when you are
15	doing the deal?
16	A Maybe subconsciously, yes.
17	MR. CLARK: Let's take a
18	two-minute break. Let your lawyers
19	talk real quick. If you want to make
20	any calls, please feel free.
21	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off
22	the record at 10:57 a.m. End of tape
23	number one.
24	(Whereupon a brief recess was
25	taken.)

1	Donald Trump
2	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Returning to
3	the record 11:05 a.m., beginning of
4	tape number two.
5	Q I'm going to show you, this is just
6	one example of what I call the silver book.
7	One of the things that was handed out and
8	what was identified as Chris's Exhibit 1, the
9	first exhibit excuse me, the first
10	exhibit, Exhibit 1, was the New York Times
11	Magazine.
12	This one will be Exhibit 2. I will
13	call it the silver book.
1.4	MR GRIFFIN: That's fine. By

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the way, so the record is clear, 15 Mr. Trump, what is the date of that 16 New York Times Magazine? 17 October '06. It is on the front page 18 right under --19 MR. GRIFFIN: Sure. 20 (Whereupon silver book is 21 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 2 for 22 identification as of this date.) 23 Have you seen this book before? Q 24 Yes, I have. 25

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1	Donald Trump
2	Q When you came down to Tampa initially
3	for your one visit you were in Tampa that got
4	so much coverage, this was what was available
5	to everybody showing up that night; do you
6	recall that?
7	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
8	form of the question.
9	A I think that's right, yes.
10	Q Whether you had already laid down a
11	reservation or put money down, this was being
12	put out on the marketplace?
13	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
14	form of the question.
15	A I believe that's true.
16	Q All the marketing I have read the

17	agreement, and as lawyers we all know what
18	certain things mean, but with respect to your
19	marketing for this particular project, Trump
20	Tower Tampa, were you personally reviewing
21	all the stuff that was going to be putting
22	out to the marketplace?
23	A I wouldn't say everything, but a lot
24	of it, yes.
25	Q Who was in charge of making sure it

Donald Trump 1 was being done right? I would say my -- from my 3 organization. 4 From your group? 5 I would think my son Don Jr. more than anybody else. Myself and my son. The things that get said about you and things that are quoted from you, do you have 9 somebody in your organization that tracks 10 that to make sure people were doing it right? 11 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the 12 form of the question. 13 We like to say the right thing, but $\ensuremath{\text{I}}$ 14 don't know that we have anybody that actually 15 tracks it, no. I don't think we would have 16 anybody that tracks it. 17

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18	Q As I am sitting here, I am thinking
19	our President gets a briefing every morning
20	about what is going on. Do you have
21	something like that, where somebody briefs
22	you on a weekly, monthly, daily basis of what
23	is being out there, put out there?
24	A No.
25	Q About you or maybe you being quoted?

1	Donald Trump
2	A No.
3	Q When something is submitted by your
4	organization or you, whether it be the
5	simplest to the more detailed, like that
6	book, do you have somebody checking the
7	accuracy of it?
8	A Within reason. I mean, it is a big
9	organization with a lot of different
10	development, so only within reason.
11	Q Do you know if anything was marketed
12	incorrectly, quoted wrong with respect to the
13	Trump Tower Tampa?
14	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
15	form of the question.
16	A Not to my knowledge.
17	Q Have you had anybody look? There has
18	been a massive amount of stuff produced in
19	this case. Has somebody gone and reported to

20	you and wait for your instruction, because
21	if you are getting an instruction or
22	direction from your lawyer listen to it
23	has anybody reported to you that something
24	was done inaccurately?
25	MR. GRIFFIN: I'm going to

1	Donald Trump
2	instruct you not to answer any
3	communications that you have had with
4	your lawyers, whether it be Alan,
5	myself or anybody else on your legal
6	staff, with respect to a response to
7	Mr. Clark's question.
8	A Not to my knowledge.
9	Q One of the projects, Las Olas is
10	that how you pronounce it?
11	A Las Olas.
12	Q Ft. Lauderdale.
13	A Yes.
14	Q Put on hold. That's a licensing deal,
15	licensing fee deal only?
16	A I believe so, yes.
17	Q Is that on this?
18	A Yes, it is on the left-hand corner.
19	Q Beach Resort, Ft. Lauderdale. That
20	was a project, again, just so 1 am crystal

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- clear in my head, was this a licensing fee,
- 22 not a partnership?
- 23 A I believe that was a licensing fee,
- 24 yes.
- 25 Q Have you been deposed in that case

Donald Trump 1 2 yet? Α No. 3 This is the first time you have been 4 deposed in any of these disputes over 5 projects and licensing and whatnot? 6 We have won most of the cases. Good. That's the good news. So, I haven't 9 had to -- it is amazing. 10 May I have a moment. Keep everything 11 like that. I will ask the court reporter, if 12 she would, this is the same Exhibit 1, the 13 New York Times Magazine. Will you be able to 14 get that, if you can? Step back a little 15 bit. The general sense of what we have been 16 talking about, sir, is your property and the 17 value that your brand brings to a project. 18 You would agree with me there is no 19 distinction in this short little ad, this one 20 distinction between licensing and owning, 21

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correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q In fact, nothing in your marketing

25 that you do individually or through your

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1	Donald Trump
2	organization makes that distinction; is that
3	correct?
4	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
5	form of the question.
6	A I don't really know the answer to
7	that. I mean, some may say something, so I
8	can't answer definitively, but overall, and
9	as I told you before, if we do a licensing
10	job or if it is a job that I own, they are
11	both of equal importance to me. I want to
12	make sure it works out well.
13	Q Because of what the slogan here is,
14	the finest properties from your name?
15	A Correct.
16	Q With respect to the properties here,
17	we went through some of them and you
18	mentioned licensing arrangements for a host
19	of them, correct?
20	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
21	form of the question. Go ahead.
22	A We went through all of them.
23	Q All of them, but a lot of them were in

- 24 fact licensing deals?
- 25 A Yes.

1	Donald Trump
2	Q Whether it is a licensing fee or
3	indeed a partnership arrangement?
4	A Some were licensing, some were
5	ownership, yes.
6	Q Again, no distinction, as far as you
7	know, in this piece; an asterisk, a footnote
8	nothing to make the distinction?
9	A That's correct.
10	Q The properties, as you have it, all
11	have value because your brand name is added
12	to them, correct?
13	A There is a value.
14	Q If you pull that brand name from those
15	projects, they lose value, correct?
16	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
17	form of the question.
18	A It depends, again, if the market is
19	going up. And if I pull my name but the
20	market is going up, I think you will
21	recapture any value that's lost, if there is
22	a value that's lost, but, yes, I think my
23	name has value.
24	Q Again, the distinction, I want people
25	that may watch this in Tampa to hear it from

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1	Donald Trump
2	you, if you would. If you pull your name,
3	everything being equal, from a project, value
4	goes down?
5	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
6	form of the question.
7	Q Correct?
8	A I don't know that that's necessarily
9	correct. This was a development that was
10	killed because of market conditions. It
11	was sadly, I mean, because I wanted to do
12	it very much. I wanted to do it to a certain
13	extent because of George Steinbrenner, who
14	was a friend of mine, who was a very good
15	friend of mine. This was a job that was
16	the Tampa job was killed because of market
17	conditions. It wasn't going to get built
18	whether it had my name or not. I don't think
19	it was any less valuable or more valuable
20	whether or not it had my name. This was a
21	dead job.
22	The market crash killed this job. Had
23	the market not crashed, had Lehman not gone
24	bankrupt, had Bear Stearns not gone out of
25	business, had the world and the stock market

Donald Trump 1 not gone down by 60 percent or whatever it 2 was, this job would have been built. This is 3 like thousands of other jobs in the United States. It went bad because of market 5 conditions. Had that not happened, this job would have been built, so I don't think it 7 mattered whether my name was on it or not. I 8 don't think it hurt the value of the job that 9 I pulled my name, because they did whatever 10 they did as the people I am talking about, 11 the representatives in Tampa. The job had no 12 value because of market conditions. It had 13 no more value or less value because my name 14 was on it at that point. 15 Of all the properties up there, Trump 16 Tower Tampa is the only one dead in the 17 18 water? MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the 19 form of the question. 20 I didn't say that. I mean, I told you 21 there were numerous other jobs up there that 22 didn't get built. This ad was from years 23 ago. This ad was in the go times when 24 everything was getting built. 25

1	Donald Trump
2	As I told you, Dubai, who would think
3	that Dubai was going to
4	Q Leaving Dubai out of it?
5	A Okay, Las Olas didn't get built.
6	Q It is not dead in the water?
7	A It is dead in the water. I think it
8	is dead in the water.
9	Q Okay.
10	A Philadelphia didn't get built.
11	Q We have not talked about Philadelphia.
12	A No, I think
13	Q Was that a licensing deal?
14	A Philadelphia was a licensing deal that
15	did not get built because it hit the wrong
16	market. Philadelphia was going to get built.
17	It was a wonderful job in a wonderful
18	location. Lehman Brothers went bankrupt and
19	it and never got built.
20	Q None of your properties that you owned
21	are dead in the water. Maybe Dubai, based
22	upon what you described?
23	A Dubai is dead in the water. Forget
24	about me owning it. It was owned by the
25	government of Dubai. Who would think that

2	they would go under?
3	Q None of the properties that you own
4	are dead in the water?
5	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
6	form of the question.
7	A By the way, even if they got built,
8	they are worth much less money than they
9	would have been. As an example
10	MR. GRIFFIN: Dan, please let
11	him finish his answer.
12	A As an example, had we built the Tampa
13	job, had everybody paid millions of millions
14	of dollars for their units based on old
15	pricing, right?
16	Q Right?
17	A They would have lost much more money
18	had we built the job than losing their
19	deposit. They would have lost much more
20	money because the apartments they would
21	have paid, during good times, they would have
22	paid \$2 million for their apartment. That
23	apartment today would be worth \$500,000.
24	They were better off losing their deposit.
25	Q That's the ups and downs of real

1 Donald Trump

estate. In 10 years, 15 years, who is to say

3	that that value returns, sir?
4	MR. GRIFFIN: Wait
5	A Your lawsuit is as of now.
6	Q Understood
7	MR. GRIFFIN: Mr. Trump, and,
8	Dan, please, you guys are kind of
9	talking over each other. Let him
10	finish the question, let him finish an
11	answer. Please, let's kind of slow it
12	down.
13	Q Your analysis that you just gave us
14	takes out the fact that real estate. We
15	don't know where it is going to be in 10 or
16	15 years.
17	MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
18	form of the question.
19	Q Correct?
20	A It might go down.
21	Q It might go up?
22	A It might go down. So far I have been
23	right. It has been going down.
24	Q You would agree maybe you don't
25	it is better to have something you can touch,

1	Donald Trump
2	open a door to then have nothing in hand?
3	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
	form of the guestion

5	A I disagree in this case. The
6	apartments were sold at a very high price
7	during a very good portion of the market,
8	when the market was raging. This was before
9	Lehman Brothers went bankrupt, Bear Stearns,
10	et cetera. Those prices today, had they been
11	bought by the people that you represent,
12	those units would be worth 60 or 70 percent
13	less today. With or without the name Trump,
14	they would be worth 60 or 70 percent less.
15	If somebody paid two or \$3 million for a
16	unit, that unit would be worth 60 or
17	70 percent less.
18	By the way, that's just Tampa. That's
19	the whole country. Some sections are a
20	little bit better than others. New York is
21	better than other sections, as the example,
22	but Tampa got hit very hard by the
23	depression. Those units would be worth a
24	tremendous amount less had they bought them.
25	In other words, had they put up their

L	Donald Trump
2	\$2 million, their \$2 million would now be
3	worth five or \$600,000.
4	Q Not to continue to debate
<u> </u>	To be honest with you, they were

6	better off that the building wasn't built.
7	Q Your value in the hotel here in New
8	York City from that stake would arguably be
9	less because of the marketplace, correct?
10	A I am going by the Tampa market. I am
11	saying the Tampa market got hit very, very
12	hard, as bad as any market in the country,
13	and a \$2 million r apartment in Tampa would
14	be worth about five or \$600,000 today. The
15	best thing that happened to your clients was
16	that the building was not built.
17	Q Trump Tower Tampa sold out though from
18	reservation-wise money down?
19	A That's right, at very high prices, and
20	those prices today are worth 70 percent.
21	Sixty, 70 percent less than that sell out.
22	Q You've gotten an undisclosed number
23	out of this project, correct?
24	MR. GRIFFIN: Wait, wait, wait.
25	Counsel looked at me, the settlement.

1	Donald Trump
2	MR. CLARK: The settlement,
3	whatever what's been paid in.
4	MR. GRIFFIN: I am going to
5	tell Mr. Trump to not answer any
6	questions regarding any settlement of
7	this or any other case. I would ask

that we not address and I will stand
by the objection and the instructions.
Q I'm with you. My point is I don't
know the exact number that you have been
paid, because I do know what was accounted
for up to your lawsuit but I do not know, and
your counsel has instructed you not to tell
me, whether you were paid anything. So,
that's a number that you pulled out of this
project?
MR. GRIFFIN: No, it is not. I
am telling you that we are not
answering. We have not disclosed any
information about any number, whether
it was received at all or not. You're
saying something that doesn't have a
factual basis.
MR. TURKEL: So the record is

1	Donald Trump
2	clear, you are taking a
3	confidentiality position on licensing
4	fees pre-default?
5	MR. GRIFFIN: No.
6	MR. TURKEL: You are taking a
7	position on anything that may have
8	happened post-default, post-loss.

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9	MR. GRIFFIN: That's correct.
10	MR. TURKEL: Even the
11	acknowledgment of the settlement.
12	MR. GRIFFIN: That's correct.
13	MR. TURKEL: Pre-default, if we
14	were to ask you today how many dollars
15	were you paid while they were
16	performing, you would not take the
17	position.
18	MR. GRIFFIN: Correct, that's
19	not confidential.
20	MR. CLARK: That's what I was
21	about to pull out.
22	Q There are two pockets here. One, we
23	don't know, and you need to follow what your
24	lawyer is telling you and do so, and a number
25	that's been paid to you already as a

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1	Donald Trump
2	licensing fee, correct?
3	A Okay.
4	Q You do know that you received some
5	money, and I have the figures, and I don't
6	really care what the number is. You agree
7	with that and you know that, correct?
8	A I believe so, yes.
9	Q Why haven't you returned those funds
10	to this project and given back that money?

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MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the 11 form of the question. 12 If the project didn't get built? 13 Well, because I had no obligation to Α 14 the people that signed me to give it back, 15 number one, and number two, the money was a 16 very small amount relative to -- in fact, I 17 would say that I lost money on this project. 18 If you add all of what everybody has been 19 through including yourselves, I have lost 20 21 money on this project. This has been a loser, not a positive, 22 and most of the money that I would have made 23 on this project would have been from a 24 percentage of profits had the market stayed 25

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1	Donald Trump
2	strong.
3	Q Your analysis over the marketplace and
4	what it has done to devaluing property?
5	A Yes.
6	Q You agree with me even with the
7	marketplace and the devaluation of
8	properties, your properties, your Signature
9	properties have more value with your brand
10	name on it?
11	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the

12	form of the question.
13	Q Correct?
14	A Well, if they are ever built. You are
15	talking about a project that's not built.
16	You are talking about a project that had no
17	value. So. Whether it had my name on it or
18	not. It wouldn't have made any difference.
19	Q We are going to switch, based on what
20	we have talked about. We will go straight
21	through and get you out of here.
22	A That would be great. That would be
23	much nicer.
24	MR. CLARK: Thank you, Chris.
25	MR. GRIFFIN: You're welcome.

1	Donald Trump
2	MR. CLARK: Thank you,
3	Mr. Trump.
4	THE WITNESS: No problem.
5	EXAMINATION BY
6	MR. TURKEL:
7	Q Mr. Trump, just so the record is
8	clear, I am Ken Turkel. I am co-counsel with
9	Mr. Clark in this case.
10	Your lawyer as well, you have allowed
11	me to ask a portion of these questions today,
12	which we appreciate.
13	By way of general background, there

are a few areas I want to clean up with you 14 as we head into some more specifics about the 15 license agreement. 16 The first one is this. One of the 17 comments you made to Mr. Clark was that it 18 was very well proven that the Trump name 19 brings immediate value, using words, you can 20 put them in quotes, "very well proven." 21 Do you have any internal reports or 22 data in your own possession or the possession 23 of the Trump Organization or any of the 24 affiliate companies that document that fact? 25

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Donald Trump 1 I can try and find some for you. I 2 don't think we did any, per se, but I think 3 that newspapers have done it showing that there is a value. And if I can find that, I 5 will give it to my attorneys to give to you. 6 The genesis of the question was 7 whether you were referring to reports that 8 may be disseminated publicly or through the 9 media or whether they were internal reports? 10 I believe they would have been from 11 other companies that were disseminated to the 12 media. I don't think we have done it 13 14 individually.

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15	Q Have you kept any statistics, either
16	internally or do you know of any statistics
17	that have been kept externally that have
18	distinguished between the value brought to a
19	project by the Trump name when you license it
20	as opposed to when you are actually the
21	builder developer?
22	A No, I don't know that.
23	Q Do you have any personal opinions on
24	that?
25	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the

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1	Donald Trump
2	form of the question.
3	A I don't think it would matter.
4	Q What do you mean?
5	A You are saying if it is a license deal
6	or if I own it, would there be a difference
7	in value?
8	Q Yes, let me rephrase the question as
9	opposed to asking you for your opinion.
10	Mr. Clark took you through the board and the
1.1	New York Times Magazine article articulating
12	among 2,006 various projects that you were
13	involved in.
14	Do you know as a matter of fact
15	whether the projects with your name licensed
16	had more or less value than the ones in which

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17	you actually were builder developer?
18	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
19	form of the question.
20	A No. I don't know why it would matter
21	that much, but I don't see it, but I don't
22	know the answer to that.
23	Q I am not sure it necessarily
24	MR. GRIFFIN: Can I interrupt?
25	With all respect to the lawyers and

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1	Donald Trump
2	Mr. Trump, I thought there were
3	different areas, substantive areas
4	that you were going to inquire about
5	and not just followup on Dan's
6	questions.
7	MR. TURKEL: I am actually
8	laying predicate for discussion of the
9	specific terms of the licensing
10	agreement. I want to make sure I
11	understand a few of these things.
12	Q With respect to deals in which you
13	were licensing, you have identified very
14	candidly for us the different capacities in
15	ways you participated. As we sit here today,
16	do you know whether the actual licensing
17	agreements in the non-Tampa license deals

18	were similar to their fee structure the Tampa
19	deal?
20	A It was as I said before, every deal
21	is different. Tampa would be different than
22	most of the other deals here. Not different,
23	for better or worse. The deals are just
24	different for lots of different reasons. In
25	the Tampa deal, a percentage of the profits,

1	Donald Trump
2	and really a partnership therefore, was
3	created because of the percentage of the
4	profits, at least in my mind, and that's
5	different.
6	Many of the licensing deals, it is a
7	flat fee or it is a fee per unit or whatever.
8	This was a percentage of profits, so this was
9	actually a little bit more intense deal than
10	most.
11	Q How long have you been in the real
12	estate development business?
13	A Since 1970.
14	Q In that time frame, from 1970, let's
15	go until 2004, when the initial license
16	agreement was signed, how many entities have
17	you either formed or been a part of that were
18	either partnerships, limited liability
19	companies, joint ventures or corporations?

20	A Well, many, many. Far more than what
21	you see up here. This would be just an
22	indication of it, but many beyond what you
23	have here. I don't know the number.
24	Q You understand, as a business person,
25	an experienced business person, that there is

1	Donald Trump
2	a difference between a partnership and a
3	corporation; right?
4	A Well, a corporation can be in the form
5	of a partnership, too. You can have
6	corporate partners.
7	Q Correct.
8	A The question is a little bit general.
9	Q You can have a partnership that has
10	partners in it which are corporations?
11	A Absolutely.
12	Q You understand those are different
13	legal types of entities, a partnership versus
14	a corporation?
15	A Yes.
16	MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
17	form of the question.
18	Q Equally, do you understand that a
19	limited liability company is another type of
20	legal entity?

MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
form of the question.

A Yes.

How about a joint venture. Have you
ever done a joint venture agreement?

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1	Donald Trump
2	A Yes.
3	Q Do you understand the joint venture to
4	be a different type of entity?
5	A They are all going to be.
6	Q One of the points you made is that you
7	viewed your participation in Tampa as a
8	partnership because of the fact that you were
9	receiving a portion of the profits; is that
10	right?
11	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
12	form of the question.
13	A That was my view. That was my view.
14	Q That was your view?
15	A That is my view and was my view.
16	Q What you are trying to clarify for me?
17	You hold that view today also?
18	A That is correct.
19	Q When Simdag strike that. You have
20	talked about how you got interest in the
21	Tampa project. You have referenced your
22	relationship with Mr. Steinbrenner and Derek

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Jeter. Did Simdag initially come to you
seeking the use of your name for this
project?
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1	Donald Trump
2	A I believe so.
3	Q Do you know whether the idea to do it
4	as a licensing agreement versus a joint
5	venture, a corporation or a limited liability
6	company or general or limited partnership was
7	your idea or Simdag's?
8	A I don't know.
9	Q Would somebody else have handled that
10	initial discussion at the Trump Organization?
11	A No.
12	Q If you don't know, who would know?
13	A Nobody.
14	Q Explain that to me.
15	MR. GRIFFIN: Wait. Objection
16	to the form of the question. Explain
17	that to me doesn't ask him. What you
18	are trying
19	Q When you tell me nobody knows, I am
20	assuming somebody was initially approached by
21	Simdag or vice versa.
22	A Right, it was so many years ago you
23	are talking many years, and I handled it, but

- I don't exactly know did we call them, did
- 25 they call us. I think they called us, but I

1	Donald Trump
2	have had many, many different things happen
3	over the years. While I like to pride myself
4	on having a very good memory, I can't tell
5	you if many years ago I called them or they
6	called me. I think they called me.
7	Q Would there be any document or record
8	of that initial contact?
9	A No.
10	Q If they called you, would it be your
11	recollection that you handled the
12	communication personally?
13	A Yes.
14	Q Do you know, as you sit here today,
15	whether the idea to do this as a licensing
16	agreement versus you being a builder
17	developer was your idea or theirs?
18	A Well, I think it was common sense. It
19	was a license and because we didn't have the
20	local knowledge that I discussed before, so
21	the concept of being the builder developer
22	would not have really entered into the
23	equation.
24	MR. TURKEL: Let's go ahead and
25	mark this as Exhibit 3.

1	Donald Trump
2	(Whereupon, a copy of a license
3	agreement entered into between Mr.
4	Trump as licensor and Simdag/Robel as
5	licensee is marked Plaintiff's Exhibit
6	3 for identification as of this date.)
7	Q The court reporter has handed you what
8	was marked as Exhibit 3 for this deposition.
9	A Correct.
10	Q I can represent to you it is a copy of
11	the license agreement that was entered into
12	between you as licensor and Simdag/Robel as
13	licensee. Are you familiar with that
14	document?
15	A Yes.
16	Q As a predicate to discussing the
17	document, who owns the Trump name as a piece
18	of property, as a piece of intellectual
19	property?
20	A I do.
21	Q You individually, correct?
22	A Yes.
23	Q Do you own all of the related service
24	marks to the name?
25	A Yes.

1	Donald Trump
2	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
3	form of the question.
4	MR. TURKEL: What is the
5	objection?
6	MR. GRIFFIN: It calls for a
7	legal conclusion?
8	THE WITNESS: Good point.
9	Q I would assume you know whether it is
10	a legal conclusion or not.
11	MR. GRIFFIN: I assume I can
12	make an objection, too.
13	Q I am sorry, Chris. I was just mulling
14	that one over. Do you recall when trademark
15	protection was sought for the Trump name and
16	related service marks?
17	A No.
18	Q Whose idea was it to get trademarked?
19	I will caution you, if it came from one of
20	your lawyers, don't tell me.
21	A My lawyers.
22	Q Is the Trump name trademarked for use
23	in products other than real estate ventures?
24	A Yes.
25	Q Have you used it in that fashion?

1	Donald Trump
2	A Yes.
3	Q Why?
4	A Because it's got something that people
5	like; shirts, ties at Macy's, cufflinks.
6	Q Are those cufflinks you are wearing
7	Trump cufflinks?
8	A Yes, they are quite nice.
9	Q They are handsome, yes, they are.
10	Water?
11	A Yes, other things. Yes, we do think
12	that it seems to be selling quite nicely.
13	Q Do you recall, and you can just give
14	me a year, even a frame of years when you
15	started doing business with the Trump name
16	outside of the world of real estate; in other
17	words, when you began licensing to get into
18	products and other sort of items?
19	A Probably six or seven years ago.
20	Q Was it before or after the Apprentice?
21	A A little bit before.
22	Q When you say the Apprentice has
23	increased the value, we can agree that there
24	was some value to the name pre-Apprentice;
25	right?

- 2 A That is correct.
- 3 Q Certainly enough value that you could
- 4 use it on cufflinks or bottled water?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Did you ever do a licensing agreement
- of any kind? If you look at Exhibit 3, it is
- 8 dated October 27, 2004, which was right at
- 9 six years ago?
- 10 A Okay.
- 11 Q Almost a month shy of six years, prior
- to October 27, 2004, had you done any other
- 13 licensing agreements with your name?
- 14 A I believe so, yes.
- 15 Q Do you recall which ones?
- 16 A I don't know. I think maybe Miami was
- 17 before this. I am not sure. I would have to
- 18 check with my lawyers and check with the
- 19 people as to the chronology, but yes, I
- 20 believe we did others prior to this.
- 21 Q Would the Tampa Simdag license
- 22 agreement at the very least have been one of
- the first five or 10?
- 24 A One of the earlier ones, yes.
- 25 Q When you say one of the earlier ones,

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2 within the world of real estate?

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- 3 A Yes, of real estate.
- 4 Q I believe you discussed this with
- 5 Mr. Clark, but just to confirm it, as far as
- 6 you recall all of the license agreements have
- 7 been confidential?
- 8 A As far as I know, they are all
- 9 confidential, yes.
- 10 Q Let's take a look at this one. I want
- 11 to go through some specific terms of this
- 12 with you. In the preamble, if you would turn
- 13 to the first page, which says License
- 14 Agreement at the top, so it is going to be
- 15 the first page after the cover page.
- 16 A Okay.
- 17 Q Turn the cover page over.
- 18 A Okay.
- 19 Q It is on the back of your cover page.
- 20 I am sorry, it says License Agreement?
- 21 A Correct.
- 22 O There is a recognition that this
- 23 agreement is entered into on October 27,
- 24 2004, between Donald J. Trump, worldwide
- 25 renowned builder and developer of real

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1 Donald Trump

- estate, who enjoys the highest reputation in
- 3 his field among others. You are defined as
- 4 the licensor. Do you see that?

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5	A Yes.
6	Q I don't mean this question to be
7	Dan used the word heckle earlier. Why is
8	there a recognition in there that you are a
9	worldwide renowned builder and developer.
10	Why is that put into the agreements?
11	A Because we want them to know that we
12	have a very important reputation and we don't
13	want them to screw up.
14	Q It is a way of putting in writing with
15	the party who you are going to license your
16	name to?
17	A That's correct.
18	Q That your reputation is an important
19	thing?
20	A We want them to do a good job.
21	Q Simdag/Robel is listed here this is
22	October 27, 2004. How long strike that.
23	What period of due diligence did you undergo
24	with respect to Simdag before you agreed to
25	sign this agreement with them?

1	Donald Trump
2	MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
3	form of the question. Go ahead.
4	A Due diligence is always very tough.
5	You hire people or you use your own people

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and you go into the background of people. 6 The background of the people in the partnership was quite a good background. 8 They were respected, they were really well 9 known in the Tampa area, and they really had 10 a very good reputation. We did a fairly 11 thorough check at the time. 12 It was years ago, but we did a fairly 13 thorough check, and everybody seemed to think 14 they were quite good people. We also then 15 checked the real estate of the location and a 16 lot of other things going into a decision 17 like this. We felt that the people, the 18 quality of the people involved was very high. 19 As you sit here today, do you have any 20 recollection as to how many projects 21 Simdag/Robel had built in the Tampa Bay area 22 23 as of October 27, 2004? Well, this is a separate company or 24

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1	Donald Trump
2	particular job, but there were people that
3	were involved with development and there were
4	people that had just very good reputations.
5	But this was set up I believe that name
6	was set up for specifically this job.
7	Q That's a fair point. Let me rephrase

group for the purpose of doing this

8	the question. As of October 27, 2004, I
9	would assume you knew how many condominium
10	development projects the principals of Simdag
11.	had been involved in prior to this agreement?
12	A My people did at the time, they did a
13	background check. I don't know exactly, but
14	the people that are involved with me in this
15	capacity did a background check and they
16	found them to be a quality group. I remember
17	the word quality used, a quality group of
18	individuals.
19	Q Do you know whether that background
20	check was memorialized in any sort of
21	document?
22	A I don't. I would love to find out. I
23	mean, I will check it for you.
24	Q If it was memorialized in a document,
25	would it have been a Trump Organization

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2	document, corporate document?
3	A Yes, I believe so, yes.
4	Q Who would the people have been who did
5	the due diligence?
6	A I would have to check that. An
7	executive or a group of executives within the

organization.

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9	Q If I were to describe for your lawyer
10	to perhaps produce to us any documents
11	memorializing the due diligence performed by
12	Trump individually or the Trump Organization?
13	A Right.
14	Q That would be sufficient for you to at
15	least do a search to see if they exist?
16	A Absolutely.
17	MR. GRIFFIN: Any objection
18	that I may have
19	MR. TURKEL: Absolutely. I am
20	trying to find out the logistics if it
21	is producible otherwise.
22	REQUEST NOTED
23	Q We see in the second paragraph of this
24	document that you are the sole exclusive
25	owner of the United States trademark

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1	Donald Trump
2	regulations identified in schedule one.
3	A Correct.
4	Q Which we turn back to schedule one,
5	because what is a document without its
6	schedules. Schedule one lists trademark
7	Trump Tower with the registration number of
8	1688083. We can agree, as we sit here today,
9	that's not the only trademark that you
10	registered; right?

11	A That's correct.
12	Q Certain other rights in the name
13	trademark service marked designation and
14	identification Trump. That goes back to what
15	we were discussing earlier, which is the
16	protection of your name as a brand; right?
17	A Right, yes.
18	Q Let's go to what is the third whereas
19	clause, which says, "Whereas Licensee intends
20	to develop a first-class luxury residential
21	condominium building of approximately 190
22	units." Do you see that language?
23	A Yes, I do.
24	Q Do you know, as you sit here today,
25	whether Simdag or the principals of Simdag

1	Donald Trump
2	had ever developed a luxury residential
3	condominium unit of that size or quality in
4	their past?
5	A No, I don't believe so. This was the
6	biggest thing in Tampa, so this was an
7	unusually large development. I started
8	building very big buildings and I did a very
9	good job of it, but at some point you had to
10	start I don't know, they had a wonderful
11	reputation, but I don't know that they

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12	developed anything of this this was a very
13	large job.
14	Q When you had discussed with me earlier
15	that these principals enjoyed a good
16	reputation in Tampa, other than being able to
17	repeat for me that your people told you that,
18	you have no specific facts that you recall
19	today?
20	A No, but when I met them I was very
21	impressed with them as individuals. I went
2.2	to Tampa, I met with them. I was very
23	impressed with them as individuals.
24	Q If you go down to paragraph sub four
25	of the same whereas clause, it would read

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1	Donald Trump
2	that the licensee, that being Simdag/Robel,
3	"intends to design, develop, construct,
4	operate and maintain the building according
5	to the Trump standards"?
6	A Correct.
7	Q "As herein defined so as to maximize
8	the value of the Tower property for the
9	benefit of Licensee and Licensor," correct?
10	A Yes.
11	Q We can agree that you weren't going to
12	design the building; right?
13	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the

14	form of the question.
15	A Not design it per se, but make sure
16	the design was first class.
17	Q You had the rights to review the
18	design specs?
19	A Absolutely, and we did.
20	Q You weren't going to pick the
21	architect, though, correct?
22	A I think we could have, but we were
23	very impressed with what we saw.
24	Q When it comes to the actual
25	developing, as you stated earlier, you

1	Donald Trump
2	weren't going to be down at Tampa with the
3	sheetrock installers; right?
4	MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
5	form of the question.
6	A No, but had the building proceeded, I
7	would have been at Tampa quite a bit.
8	Q Did you have any responsibility under
9	this license agreement for the actual
10	construction of the property other than that
11	to review Simdag's work?
12	A That's a big thing. We had very
13	strong review capability and requirements
14	under this agreement. Had the job proceeded

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15	I would have been in Tampa quite a bit to
16	make sure it was going to go. I or
17	representatives from my organization, but I
18	would have been there actually a lot. This
19	was a very exciting job to me.
20	Q As it relates to the agreement I
21	think you lost my question somewhere in that
22	answer. The actual responsibility to design,
23	develop, construct and operate belonged to
24	Simdag/Robel; is that correct?
25	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to both

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1	Donald Trump
2	the question and the comment that
3	proceeded it. He answered the
4	question, and it didn't get lost. He
5	answered it.
6	MR. TURKEL: I disagree.
7	That's why I reasked.
8	A I would rather stay with the answer
9	that I gave because we did have a lot to do
10	with the design of this building and that's
11	the way it was.
12	Q Did you have any contractual
13	obligation with respect to this building and
14	the design of the building beyond reviewing
15	what was submitted to you by Simdag?
16	MR GRIFFIN: Objection to the

17	form of the question.
18	A I could have rejected what I saw and
19	then probably have gotten very much involved,
20	but we liked very much what we saw. It was
21	the opposite.
22	Q Turn the page and let's look at that.
23	I think it is set forth pretty clearly.
24	A What page?
25	Q It will say page eight on the bottom.

1	Donald Trump
2	A Eight, different page.
3	Q You should see a sub F.
4	A It is a different page.
5	Q Yours may be paginated go to seven.
6	A Sub F.
7	Q Prior to commencing construction, do
8	you have that?
9	A I have the right to review. Are we on
10	the same document? Why are the pages
11	Q I think it is paginated differently.
12	MR. GRIFFIN: I ask your
13	indulgence, Mr. Trump and Mr. Turkel.
14	That thing has gone off twice and
15	people know that I am in an important
16	deposition. Let me check to see who
17	is trying to reach me.

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18	A There it is. Sorry, it is my fault.
19	MR. GRIFFIN: Thank you.
20	MR. TURKEL: Are you all right.
21	MR. GRIFFIN: Yes.
22	Q One of the points you made, Mr. Trump,
23	was that you had the right to reject the
24	final plans and specifications for the
25	property, correct?

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1	Donald Trump
2	A That's correct.
3	Q If you look at paragraph F, that sets
4	forth the mechanics of how that works?
5	A Yes.
6	Q Do you need a moment to review it or
7	are you familiar with it?
8	A Go ahead.
9	Q As it sets forth in paragraph F, "The
10	Licensee" that being Simdag "is
11	required to submit its final plans and specs
12	therefore or specifications to the Licensor,"
13	and that you have the 15-business-day window
14	to review those, do you see that?
15	A Correct, yes, I do.
16	Q As you stated, within those 15
17	business days you are allowed to deliver a
18	report to the licensee either approving those
19	final plans and specifications or identifying

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the deficiencies, for lack of better word in it; right?

A Right.

At any point in time, did you send a deficiency notice to Simdag/Robel with respect to the final plans and

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1	Donald Trump
2	specifications?
3	A I don't believe so. We thought they
4	were doing really good work.
5	Q You approved what they said?
6	A I believe that's correct.
7	Q If you had disapproved that, you are
8	allowed to send a notice to them of their
9	deficiencies; right?
10	A That is correct.
11	Q After they obtained that, they are
12	going to resubmit plans to you and you can
13	approve those; right?
14	A Change it or do something.
15	Q Were you aware at the time or are you
16	now after essentially three of those cycles
17	of approving or disapproving Simdag at that
18	point was allowed to pull out of the
19	development?
20	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the

form of the question.

A You mean according to this document?

Yes, sir.

A Yes, there was something to that

cffect, yes.

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1	Donald Trump
2	Q Go down to paragraph H strike that.
3	Before we do that, look at the bottom of
4	paragraph F. You will see a provision there
5	saying the second, I think it is the last
6	sentence saying, "Licensee shall construct or
7	cause construction of the Tower property
8	substantially in accordance with the final
9	plans and specifications approved by
10	licensor, which shall adhere to and comply
11	with the Trump standards"; right?
12	A Yes.
13	Q When we get down to it as far as
14	protecting your brand, the essential
15	component of this contract to you is that you
16	have the approval rights, correct?
17	A Yes.
1.8	Q And that they build it in accordance
19	with your standards?
20	A At a high level, yes.
21	Q When you are marketing the project,
22	certainly your expectation as you advertise

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and market the project is that the buyer's

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expected to be at that level of quality
24
        associated with your name, correct?
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                       MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
 2
               form of the question.
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               Right.
               If we look down to paragraph H, and
 5
        this just caught my eye, Simdag was going to
 6
        pay the licensor, Trump, basically
 7
        reimbursement for any trips made down to
 8
        Tampa, correct?
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                Yes.
        Α
10
                That was capped at, I believe there is
11
        a number there, "not more than two occasions
12
        in each 12 consecutive month period from the
13
        date hereof to the issuance of a permanent
14
        certificate of occupancy for the building";
15
        right?
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        Α
                Yes.
                For two trips a year, they were going
18
        to reimburse you, right?
19
                That's correct.
        Α
20
                Why was that provision put in here?
21
                It is very standard in any contract
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such as this or in any hotel contract. You

- 24 are always reimbursed if you travel. It is a
- very standard clause. That's I would say,

1	Donald Trump
2	always, always in this kind of an agreement.
3	Q When you are an owner of a project, in
4	other words, as you pointed out to Mr. Clark
5	earlier, the various projects that you have
6	built with either your own money or financing
7	you have obtained and you have guaranteed, do
8	you get reimbursed by your partners for
9	coming to visit the project?
10	A Oftentimes, yes.
1.1	Q If I were to ask Mr. Griffin to
12	produce documents memorializing the
13	partnerships that you were a builder or owner
14	in, we would see provisions to that?
15	A I believe so, yes. If I have a
16	partner and I am traveling, or likewise if
17	the other partner is traveling, they would
18	routinely put in for expenses. Whether it is
19	in an agreement or not, they would put in for
20	their expenses or I would put in for my
21	expenses.
22	Q Even if you were the majority owner?
23	A Yes, if I was the majority owner. If
2.4	I had 60 percent and I was traveling, and it
25	was very costly but to the benefit of the

1	Donald Trump
2	job, I put in for the expenses. Yes, pretty
3	standard.
4	Q Why in this particular agreement, if
5	you know, were the reimbursement obligations
6	capped at two visits every two months through
7	occupancy?
8	A Well, because I am sure while they
9	liked us and respected us, they didn't want
10	us to travel there five times a week at great
11	expense.
12	Q Do you recall ever submitting either
13	for your own benefit or the benefit of
14	someone within Trump Organization a
15	reimbursement report under this provision of
16	the contract?
17	A No, it may have happened, but I don't
18	recall that.
19	Q How many trips did you make there
20	was never a certificate of occupancy issued.
21	How many trips did you make to Tampa before
22	this?
23	A I think two or three. I would have
24	made many had it gone forward.
25	Q Let's take a look at page nine.

1	Donald Trump
2	A Okay.
3	Q As a further predicate to this next
4	group of questions, we can agree you never
5	signed a personal guarantee on anything
6	relating to the Trump Tower Tampa; right?
7	A That's correct.
8	Q Not with a bank or any private lender,
9	correct?
10	A No, that's correct.
11	Q We can agree your name individually or
12	your corporation's name was not on any
1.3	promissory note that may have been issued to
14	finance the project?
15	A That is correct.
16	Q Paragraph six of page nine provides
17	the situations in which you as licensor of
18	your name shall have "the absolute right to
19	terminate the agreement and the rights
20	licensed thereunder upon 10 days prior
21	written notice." Do you see that?
22	A Yes, I do.
23	Q Take a look at page 10 now. I want to
24	concentrate on two provisions in this. Let's
25	take a look at paragraph G first.

1	Donald Trump
2	"The construction of the building
3	shall not fail to commence within 18 months
4	unless such delay shall result from strikes,
5	lockouts or labor disputes, inability to
6	obtain labor or materials or reasonable
7	substitutes therefor, acts of God,
8	governmental restrictions, regulations or
9	controls, enemy or hostile government action,
10	civil commotion, riot or insurrection, fire
11	or other casualty or other event similar to
12	the foregoing beyond the reasonable control
13	of licensee."
14	A Okay.
15	Q The reason I read that is this allows
16	you, paragraph G, to pull out if they didn't
17	commence construction within 18 months for a
18	laundry list of what was defined as
19	unavoidable delays; right?
20	A Okay.
21	Q What it is aimed at is when you look
22	at these acts things that the builder itself,
23	Simdag, could not control, correct?
24	MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
25	form of the question.

- 2 Q You can go ahead and answer it.
 3 A Yes, that's true.
- 4 Q The building didn't commence
- 5 construction within 18 months; right?
- 6 A No.
- 7 Q Let's just -- I want to pull back from
- 8 the actual for a second, all right, and talk
- g about the intent of this one provision. If I
- am a purchaser who laid down \$200,000 of
- 11 their deposit money to buy a unit at Trump
- 12 Tower Tampa?
- 13 A Right.
- 14 Q And I have seen the plans, I have seen
- the silver book Mr. Clark showed, I have seen
- 16 what this glorious building is going to be,
- 1.7 whether that building gets built in two years
- or three years, we know that if it doesn't
- 19 start construction in 18 months it may not be
- 20 called Trump Tower; right?
- 21 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
- form of the question.
- 23 A Well, we would have the right to pull
- out if we wanted to. We didn't want to.
- 25 Q Do you know whether anyone within the

1 Donald Trump

2 premarketing of this disclosed to the buyers

3	that you had this right to pull out?
4	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
5	form of the question.
6	A No, I don't know that.
7	Q Have you ever disclosed that when you
8	were advertising or marketing a project of
9	yours?
10	MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
11	form of the question.
12	A I don't think it is something that
13	would be in advertising or marketing. I
14	mean, if you were going to do advertising or
15	marketing, then every job ever built would
16	have to take agreements in many cases that
17	are many times larger and put, put every
18	single word or every single paragraph into
19	the newspaper, and I don't think that can
20	happen from a practical standpoint.
21	Q From a contractual standpoint, you had
22	actually agreed that this entire agreement
23	was confidential, correct?
24	A Yes.
25	Q For you to disclose that, you would

1	Donald Trump
2	have breached that confidentiality, wouldn't
3	you?
4	A But who would ever disclose agreements

5	in an advertisement? You're advertising for
6	apartments. That would mean some
7	partnership agreements are hundreds of pages
8	long. Does that mean that every time we take
9	an ad you have to disclose the entire
10	agreement in its entirety? I mean, I don't
11	think that would first of all, it has
1.2	never been done in the history of real
13	estate. Second of all, I don't think it
14	would be very practical, and that's why it
15	isn't done.
16	Q Do you know whether any other real
17	estate developers of your magnitude licensed
18	their name the way you did?
19	A I don't know. I am not sure, but yes,
20	I am sure they have been, but hotel companies
21	do it all the time routinely, Ritz Carlton,
22	Four Seasons, routinely. It is something
23	that's not uncommon? Mostly probably real
24	estate people too. I just don't know of any,
25	but in the hotel business it is routinely

1	Donald Trump
2	done.
3	Q Do you know whether it is done in the
4	condominium sales business?
m	T think it is but I just can't give

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you any examples right now. 6 Take a look at paragraph I in the same 7 group of sub paragraphs. Another basis which 8 would have allowed you to pull your name from 9 affiliation with this project and to 10 terminate this license agreement was if 11 closings for at least 70 percent of the 12 residential condominiums units in the 13 building had not occurred or were not under 14 bona fide binding purchase contracts within 1.5 30 months from the commencement date again, 16 excepting out unavoidable delays; right? 17 Yes. Α 18 First of all, do you think Simdag 19 could have done anything to avoid the market 20 conditions at the time? 21 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the 22 form of the question. 23 Probably not. Nobody else could in 24 the whole country, so I have to use the word 25

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1	Donald Trump
2	probably, but probably not.
3	Q With respect to the closings, do you
4	know how many units were presold at Trump
5	Tower Tampa?
6	A No, I don't know. I knew at the time,
7	but this is years later. I don't know now.

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8	Q Answer this if you know. Why do you
9	have a provision in your license agreement
10	that allows you to pull out if there is not
11	over 70 percent of sales?
12	A Well, I think 70 percent would have
13	taken care of much of the cost of building.
14	I think that's a term that's that's a
15	number that's used, that percentage is used a
16	lot of times to determine pretty much the
17	cost of the building, 70 percent of sales.
18	Q You are not paying the cost of the
19	building; right?
20	A No, but we want to make sure that the
21	building is paid for.
22	Q You and I can agree
23	A If our name is on it.
24	Q Whether they sell 60 percent, 70, 80
25	or 90 percent, you are still going to get

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1	Donald Trump
2	paid your license fee?
3	A No, you are wrong.
4	Q Why am I wrong on that?
5	A Because I am getting a percentage of
6	profits in this case.
7	Q There are two components to the
8	license fee, so let me rephrase it. That's a

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fair comment. The flat fee portion of your 9 license fee is going to get paid regardless 10 of the amount of sales, correct? 11 Well, if they pay it. You say it will 12 be paid. I don't know that it will be paid. 13 If they pay it, it will be paid. The 14 dominance of my fee was going to be as a 15 percentage of profits. 16 You would be entitled to the flat 17 portion regardless of whether they sold 18 70 percent; right? 19 I believe so, yes. 20 Take a look at paragraph eight, 21 discontinuation of use of the marks. I think 22 this is somewhat axiomatic. If you 23 terminated the agreement, they have to stop 24

using your name; right?

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1	Donald Trump
2	A Correct.
3	Q You believe somebody buys their unit
4	in Trump Tower and you pull your name under
5	either paragraph G or I and they may not own
6	their unit in Trump Tower anymore; right?
7	MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
8	form of the question.
9	A Say it again.
10	Q Sure, if someone bought their unit in

11	Trump Tower and they prebought it and plunked
12	down 200, signed their binding purchase
13	contract, and you decided to pull your name
14	out either under paragraph G or I when
15	commencement of construction begins, they may
16	be moving into a non-Trump tower unit.
17	A In theory, I would have the right to
18	take my name off. It is something I wouldn't
19	want to do. In fact, I we fought like
20	hell to make sure this building could get
21	built, but unfortunately market conditions
22	didn't allow that to happen.
23	Q We can agree at some point you sent
24	Simdag a notice of default under this
25	licensing agreement; right?

1	Donald Trump
2	A Yes.
3	Q Asked that they discontinue use of
4	your name; right?
5	A I believe so, yes.
6	Q Have you ever done that in any other
7	licensing agreement other than Trump Tower
8	Tampa?
9	A Not that I can remember. I may have,
10	but not that I can remember right now. If I
1 1	do. I will let vou know.

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12	Q Thank you. If there was a document
13	memorializing that, that would be something
14	that either in-house counsel or Mr. Griffin
15	would be able to find?
16	A It is possible. I just can't think of
17	it right now.
18	REQUEST NOTED
19	Q Take a look at page 11 and paragraph
20	10 that says Assignment?
21	A Yes.
22	Q This provision, I am going to
23	paraphrase, and if your lawyer objects I can
24	read it a little more thoroughly. It
25	provides you the right, licensor is with the

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1	Donald Trump
2	right to assign the license agreement to a
3	related party, which is actually defined in
4	that same paragraph; right?
5	A Okay.
6	Q We can agree on that? Did you take a
7	look at it?
8	A Yes.
9	Q Do you know whether this agreement was
10	ever assigned?
11	A I don't know.
12	Q Trump Organization is a corporation
13	which is a party to this lawsuit. Is the

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14	Trump Organization under common control with
15	or owned more than 50 percent by you?
16	A Yes.
17	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
18	form of the question.
19	Q As it relates to your licensing
20	agreements, what is the relationship between
21	you, Donald Trump individually, and the Trump
22	Organization?
23	MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
24	form of the question.
25	Q Go ahead.

1	Donald Trump
2	A I own the Trump Organization.
3	Q For instance, when you enter into a
4	licensing agreement such as Exhibit 3, you
5	obviously individually don't administer it
6	day to day?
7	A That's correct.
8	Q Is that delegated to the Trump
9	Organization?
10	A Yes.
11	Q That would be the entity that would
12	deal with the day-to-day operation of this
13	license agreement?
1 4	A That's correct.

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15	Q The employees, we have seen names
16	throughout the documents. I think Jill
17	Cremer is one of the names?
18	A Yes.
19	Q Various attorneys, perhaps your son,
20	when they are working on this project, the
21	Trump Tower Tampa, they were working under
22	the purview of Trump Organization?
23	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
24	form of the question.
25	A That's correct.

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1	Donald Trump
2	Q Let's go ahead to paragraph 15,
3	License Confidentiality. This is the
4	confidentiality agreement that we discussed.
5	When you were negotiating the license
6	agreement, who initially suggesting that it
7	be confidential?
8	A I think most of my agreements are
9	confidential.
10	Q The reasons you stated earlier were to
11	prevent competitors from having your business
12	terms; is that correct?
13	A That's correct.
14	Q Have you ever carved out in any of
15	your license agreements an exception to the
16	confidentiality to disclose the fact that

17	your participation was merely as a licensor?
18	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the
19	form of the question.
20	A I don't know. You would have to ask
21	my lawyers. I have so many agreements. As I
22	told you numerous times, each agreement is
23	different and you really have to speak to my
24	lawyers. It is possible.
25	Q Do you know whether in any of the

1	Donald Trump
2	license agreements you referred to earlier
3	with respect to the Trump Signature
4	properties that Mr. Clark questioned you on
5	it was disclosed in the marketing materials
6	or other public disclosures to potential
7	buyers that this is a project which Mr. Trump
8	has licensed his name to?
9	A I don't know. I mean, you would have
10	to look. There would be nothing wrong with
11	our doing it. I don't know if it was done or
12	not.
13	Q When you say there would be nothing
14	wrong with you doing that
15	A No, if they put it in, it would be
16	fine. I wouldn't have objected to them doing
17	that. If they did it, fine.

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18	Q Would you have had an issue with it if
19	they did it in a situation where you had a
20	confidentiality agreement?
21	A I assume they would ask us approval or
22	whatever, but that would be I would
23	certainly give that approval if they asked.
24	Q I guess the specific is you can't
25	recall ever having done that?

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1	Donald Trump
2	A No, I cannot.
3	MR. GRIFFIN: I apologize to
4	everybody. I need to take just a
5	couple of minute break.
6	MR. TURKEL: We can take a few?
7	MR. GRIFFIN: Two minutes, I
8	apologize.
9	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off
10	the record 12:03 p.m.
11	(Whereupon a brief recess was
12	taken.)
13	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Returning to
14	the record 12:15 p.m., beginning of
15	tape number three.
16	Q Mr. Trump, referring you back to the
17	licensing agreement, license agreement on
18	page 15, paragraph 16B, there is a line there
1.0	that begins "Notwithstanding anything to the

contrary contained herein including, but not 20 limited to the provisions of paragraph 3 21 hereof, Licensor shall not be responsible for 22 and shall have no liability to Licensee or to 23 any third parties for any design or 24 construction means, methods, techniques, 25 117 Donald Trump 1 sequences and procedures or for safety 2 precautions and programs employed by or on 3 behalf of licensee with respect to the design and construction of the building." 5 The paragraph goes on to state that, 6 "The licensor is not an architect, engineer, 7 et cetera, or other license professional, and 8 disavows any warranties for those activities 9 and subsequent approvals." 10 If you look at paragraph three, which 11 it refers to, that was the paragraph you and 12 I were discussing earlier which provided you, 13 I believe, those review rights? 14 Correct. 15 A I guess in sum what we can agree is 16 other than what has been carved out by those 17 review rights, you as licensor of your name 18 were not going to be responsible for any of 19 the construction means or methods, correct? 20

21 A Correct, other than we were very
22 diligent in wanting the building to be a
23 magnificent building and built at a very high
24 standard, but I was not responsible, yes.
25 Q Understand this, Mr. Trump.

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1	Donald Trump
2	Underlying all of this I think is a
3	recognition by us, by you, by your attorney
4	in these pleadings everywhere that with
5	respect to the license of your name, your
6	expectation is that the project will be built
7	in the highest quality; right?
8	A That is correct.
9	Q I think we can agree and we have
10	agreed that under the license agreement your
11	review rights were meant to try and confirm
12	that it was built with the highest quality,
13	correct?
14	A Correct.
15	Q In looking at this one provision,
16	though, ultimately if you approve the plans
17	and Simdag had built a shoddy unit, that was
18	going to be their responsibility, not yours;
19	right?
20	A That is correct. We had no liability.
21	Q Looking I want to talk about the
22	fee schedule on this because it has been the

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23 subject of a lot of questions, schedule two.
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- 24 The license fee, schedule two, is the method
- and amount by which you were going to get

Donald Trump 1 paid by Simdag for the use of your name, 2 correct? Yes. To be precise, not the use of just 5 your name, not just Trump, but the Trump 6 marks, and what I'd like to call the related 7 service; right? Correct, yes. Α One of those is -- you have a crest, 10 don't you? 11 Yes. 12 Α Where is the bottle of water? I this 13 it is on there. 14 That's true; right. Α 15 It is a coat of arms, correct? Q 16 That's correct. 17 That would be one of the service marks 18 that you authorized? 19 20 Α That is correct. I think also isn't there an 21 intertwining with your name and related marks 22

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of the color gold?

24 A Not that I know.

25 $\,$ Q $\,$ I thought we saw that somewhere in

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1	Donald Trump
2	your trademark product?
3	A I don't think so.
4	Q The first paragraph of schedule two
5	requires the licensee, Simdag, to pay Donald
6	Trump, the licensor, for the license of the
7	Trump marks as herein provided, a
8	nonrefundable license fee of \$2 million,
9	payable as follows, and there is a payment
10	schedule 125,000 upon execution, \$125,000
11	upon approval of the plans, and then a
12	million 750 in 26 consecutively monthly
13	installments. Do you see that?
14	A Yes.
15	Q In paragraph three, if they had unpaid
16	installments existing on the date of issuance
17	of the temporary certificate of occupancy,
18	you could accelerate the balance?
19	A Right.
20	Q In sum, by the date that the issuance
21	of the temporary certificate of occupancy
22	occurs, you are going to make \$2 million if
23	they comply with their obligations; right?
24	A If they comply, yes.
25	Q This is nonrefundable the 2 million;

1	Donald Trump
2	right?
3	A That's correct.
4	Q Basically whether the project goes or
5	not, you can keep that money; right?
6	A Yes, I don't know what they paid. I
7	don't know what the number is, but we can get
8	that.
9	Q We have talked about it
10	A I don't even know what it is.
11	Q I am talking about what they agreed to
12	pay?
13	A What they agreed to pay is one thing.
14	What they paid is another.
15	Q I think one thing you had said earlier
16	is these amounts are arrived at ad hoc. A
17	deal is a deal?
18	A Right.
19	Q The additional license fee set forth
20	below in paragraph two relates to different
21	formulas concerning the unit sales; right?
22	A Yes.
23	Q And to summarize it, if the average
24	gross sales of the units exceeded 300 per
25	square foot; that was a threshold; right?

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1	Donald Trump
2	They had to be more than 300 a square foot?
3	A Right.
4	Q You see that in the preamble sub A?
5	A Yes.
6	Q "Then the licensee shall pay the
7	Licensor as an additional License fee an
8	amount equal to 5 percent of the amount by
9	which the average gross sale exceeded the 300
10	per square foot and/or less than 350 a square
11	foot"?
12	A Correct.
13	Q If sales and the sale prices went
14	between 300 and 350, you were going to get 5
15	percent of the difference; right?
16	A Correct.
17	Q Ten percent if it went between 350 and
18	400 or 450, I'm sorry; right?
19	A Right.
20	Q Twenty-five percent if gross sales
21	went above 450, correct?
22	A Correct.
23	Q If you turn to the next page, "That
24	additional license fee shall be computed and
25	paid on the date which is the first to occur

1	Donald Trump
2	of the closing of 85 percent of the condo
3	units; right?
4	A Right.
5	Q "Or two years after the date when the
6	first residential condominium in the unit
7	closes"; right?
8	A Right.
9	Q Earlier in this deposition and
10	throughout you have maintained that when you
11	used the word partner, referring to your
12	participation in Trump Tower Tampa, you did
13	so because you had participation in the
14	sales?
15	MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
16	form of the question.
17	Q Is that correct?
18	A Correct.
19	Q Is that a fair statement of what your
20	perspective was at the time and as is now?
21	A Sales, or you can almost define it as
22	profit, because at a certain level that
23	becomes profit, but I have a percentage of
24	sales and or profit.
25	Q This additional participation in

- 2 excess of your \$2 million-dollar license fee
- 3 is referred to in this agreement as an
- 4 additional license fee; right?
- 5 A That is correct.
- 6 Q It is not referred to as your
- 7 partnership participation, is it?
- 8 A I view it, I have always viewed it as
- 9 a form of partnership because we are
- 10 participating in sales and we are
- 11 participating in the profits and we are
- 12 participating in percentages of the amount
- sold, so I always viewed that as a partner.
- 14 O So we can be clear, you signed this
- 15 agreement individually, correct?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q It is not Trump Organization who
- 18 signed it; right?
- 19 A I don't believe so, no.
- 20 Q Donald J. Trump in his individual
- 21 capacity. You can look at the signature page
- 22 to confirm if you want.
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q It is page 60?
- 25 A I see it, yes.

1 Donald Trump

2 Q I am going to assume, you correct me

- 3 if I am wrong, that you read it before you
- 4 signed it, did you not?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q I am going to assume that you agreed
- 7 to everything that was contained in the
- 8 document before you signed it; right?
- 9 A Certainly, my lawyers did the
- 10 document, but I certainly agreed to it.
- 11 Q Given your experience in the business
- 12 world, if you didn't agree to it, I doubt you
- would have signed it; is that fair?
- 14 A Perhaps that's correct.
- 15 Q When schedule two was placed in front
- of you and you saw this money defined as an
- 17 additional license fee, you didn't tell them,
- 18 recharacterize that, I view that as my
- 19 partnership?
- 20 A I view it as a partnership. I didn't
- 21 agree with the document in great detail, but
- 22 I view it as a partnership because I am
- 23 sharing essentially as a percentage of sales,
- so I viewed that as a partnership, but I also
- viewed all of the other things I was doing as

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 a partnership. I was -- we were working on
- 3 the building, we were helping to design the
- 4 units. We were putting in certain size

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windows and were requiring certain size
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        ceiling heights. We were doing many other
6
        things. That is really a form -- to me it is
7
        a partnership. We are working together with
8
        other people. We have licensing agreements.
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        It is much less than this, but we were
10
        working very hard on this building. I viewed
11
        this as a partnership in that sense.
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               Given that you viewed it that way when
13
        you drafted this document, you certainly had
14
        the option to enter into a formal legal
15
        partnership with Simdag if you had wanted it,
16
        didn't you?
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               I guess this was just the way we did
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        it.
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               Look at page 15 at the bottom, 16E?
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               16 what?
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        Q
               Ε.
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                       MR. GRIFFIN: What page, again?
23
                Paragraph -- page 15, miscellaneous
24
25
        sub E?
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1		Donald Trump
2	A	Back to 15.
3	Q	Right. Are you on the bottom of page
4	15?	
5	А	Okay, go ahead.

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- 6 Q If you look at paragraph E, it
- 7 provides, "This Agreement contains the entire
- 8 agreement between the parties" --
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q -- hereto?
- 11 A Right.
- 12 Q Just so I can finish, "with respect to
- 13 the subject matter hereof." This was the
- only agreement that defined your relationship
- 15 with Simdag, wasn't it?
- 16 A I believe so, yes.
- 17 O There is not another contract out
- there between Trump Organization and Simdag,
- 19 is there?
- 20 A No, I don't think so.
- 21 Q We can agree --
- 22 A Unless there was an amendment to this
- 23 agreement.
- 24 Q I will show you one amendment to the
- license agreement. However, that amendment I

1 Donald Trump

- 2 think just relates to the fee. To wrap up
- 3 this line of questioning, you never formed a
- 4 joint venture under the laws of the State of
- 5 Florida and New York with Simdag, did you?
- 6 A I don't know.
- 7 O You did form a general or limited

8	partnership	under	the	laws	of	New	York	or

- 9 Florida with Simdag, did you?
- 10 A I don't know.
- 11 Q You never formed a limited liability
- 12 company under the laws of New York or Florida
- with Simdag, did you?
- 14 A I don't know. You would have to ask
- my lawyers.
- 16 Q I would assume your answer is the same
- with respect to a corporation?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q I would assume as to all of those
- 20 categories of legal entities, whether it was
- 21 the law of New York, Florida, Delaware or any
- other state, you have no knowledge as to
- 23 whether you formed a separate legal entity
- 24 with Simdag?
- 25 A I have no knowledge of it, no.

1	Donald Trump
2	Q Is it fair to say, Mr. Trump, as we
3	sit here today, that the license agreement is
4	the only document you know of which defines
5	your relationship with Simdag?

6 A Yes.

7 MR. TURKEL: Let's mark this as

8 Exhibit 4.

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9	(Whereupon first amendment to
10	the license agreement is marked
11	Plaintiff's Exhibit 4 for
12	identification as of this date.)
13	MR. GRIFFIN: Exhibit 4.
14	MR. TURKEL: Yes, sir the first
15	amendment to the license agreement.
16	Q Exhibit 4, Mr. Trump, is the first
17	amendment to the license agreement. This was
18	made March 31, 2006. Do you see that
19	preamble?
20	A Yes.
21	Q What do you recall the conditions of
22	the real estate market being in Tampa,
23	specifically in the State of Florida in
24	general, in March of 2006?
25	A I don't know. I can't place myself in

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1	Donald Trump
2	that period of time. I know they became very
3	bad shortly after that, but I can't place
4	myself in that period of time.
5	Q You kind of have two answers in there.
6	I am asking you because you seem to have a
7	pretty good knowledge of the real estate
8	market, and when it crashed, do you know
9	whether it had yet crashed in Tampa at that
10	time?

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I don't know. 11 Do you recall what the purpose was to 12 this first amendment to the license 13 agreement? 14 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the 15 form of the question. 16 Let me reask it. It was kind of 17 sloppy. Do you recall why this first 18 amendment was entered into? 19 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the 20 form of the question. 21 I have to look at it. I do mention 22 the word profit. That's probably where I am 23 also thinking about the word profit. I don't 24 know why it was entered into, probably 25

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1	Donald Trump
2	because we were doing a lot more work on this
3	project than we thought and maybe they
4	weren't paying the fees as they were supposed
5	to.
6	Q If you look at paragraph one, this is
7	basically amending schedule two, which was
8	the document we just reviewed, which was the
9	initial fees attachment to the license
10	agreement?
11	A Right.

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12	Q In section 1A, it says that, "Schedule
13	2 is hereby amended as follows," and Section
14	1, license fee, the amount of 2 million is
15	changed to 4 million. We can agree that one
16	of the things the first amendment to license
17	agreement did was it upped your flat fee from
18	2 million to 4 million; right?
19	A Correct.
20	Q Was any additional consideration paid
21	by or offered by you individually or Trump
22	Organization to create that change in flat
23	fee?
24	MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the
25	form of the question.

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1	Donald Trump
2	A I would have to check that and find it
3	out. I am not exactly sure. I know we
4	worked much harder on this development than
5	we had suspected we would. It is possible
6	they weren't paying us the original fees so
7	this was changed.
8	Q Why I mean, this may be best the
9	question. Why if they weren't paying you
10	would the flat fee be increased?
11	A Because, it is sort of obvious. I
12	would actually have to ask my executives as
1 2	to why the amendment was made. I really

14	wasn't involved in the amendment, although I
15	might have signed it. Did I sign it?
16	Q You definitely signed it.
17	A Okay, I don't remember the amendment,
18	but I could ask my executives why it was
19	changed.
20	Q Who would we talk to. Which
21	executives would know that?
22	A Perhaps Don Jr.
2.3	Q Your son?
24	A Yes, that's who I would speak to
25	initially to find out why it was changed.

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Donald Trump 1 If I were going to create a hierarchy 2 of Trump Organization employees who were 3 dealing with the Tampa project, would Don Jr. have been at the top of that hierarchy? 5 I think so, yes. 6 Who would have been immediately under 7 him, reporting to him? 8 I don't know. You would have to ask 9 him. 10 If you look down at 1B, basically how 11 this was changed was that the monthly 1.2 installments were upped to \$129,091 a month 13 for 22 months. That's in paragraph 1B or 1C. 14

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15	Additionally it appears that the additional
16	license fee as it is defined in this
17	agreement was changed, and instead of being
18	tied to
19	A I think it was changed because of the
20	complexity of the square foot prices in the
21	other agreement, and the square foot prices
22	in the other agreement under that
23	transaction, I would have done better than
24	this. And I believe now, this is just
25	subject to checking with executives, but I

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1	Donald Trump
2	believe that the square foot prices under the
3	agreement would have amounted to too much
4	money for them to pay, and so we went into a
5	net sales profit. In other words, this was
6	to their benefit, but they paid a little more
7	upfront, but this agreement was to their
8	benefit. I believe that was it, but I will
9	certainly check.
10	Q I don't know if you have looked
11	through this as we have been discussing it or
12	if you have an independent recollection of
13	it?
14	A I am looking through it as I am
15	discussing it.
1.0	o why don't do you that instead Of

taking you --17 I have done it. 18 You have done it? You are a fast 19 reader, Mr. Trump. The way this worked was 20 basically you were going to get 50 percent in 21 net sales profit as defined and they provide 22 an example? 23 As opposed to getting an absolute hard 24 amount over a certain amount. This was net. 25

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Donald Trump 1 This would be after expenses. This was on a 2 net basis, whereas the other was a hard and 3 fast percentage over a certain amount, \$350, 4 \$450. 5 Correct, it eliminated the formula 6 predicated on square footage? 7 It is possible that that formula did 8 not work for the builders of the building, and that's why they made this change. 10 Mechanically they put an example in 11 paragraph two that says if the net sales 12 profit was 20 million and you had already 13 received your 4 million, you were going to 14 get 10 million less the four. In other 15 words, they were going to net out the flat 16 17 fee?

18	A Correct, which under the other
19	agreement it didn't do it. This is
20	probably depending on the sales, this is
21	probably a worse deal for us.
22	Q Worse deal in the event that the
23	project was built out and sold, but in the
24	event that it wasn't, you were making more on
25	your nonrefundable fee, correct?

1	Donald Trump
2	A If they paid it.
3	Q Of course, that's the assumption in
4	the contract, is they are going to pay what
5	they are obligated to pay?
6	A Which, by the way, I don't think they
7	did.
8	Q We are going to talk about that
9	because you had to sue them; right?
10	A I did.
11	Q On page two, if you see paragraph C
12	there right before paragraph two?
13	A Right.
14	Q It says, "The additional license fee
15	shall be made promptly following the date
16	when a sufficient number of the units in the
17	building have closed and the proceeds thereof
18	result in full repayment of all debt," and
19	they call that the debt repayment date. Then

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20	following to that date, "The Licensee shall
21	remit to Licensor," which is you, "50 percent
22	of the net profits." So, very simply, once
23	they paid off their debt, you were going to
24	split the net profit?
25	A Correct.

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1	Donald Trump
2	Q Again, this money, whether it be the
3	flat fee, which is called the license fee, or
4	the percentage based fee, is referred to as
5	an additional license fee; right?
6	A Right.
7	Q Is that right?
8	A Yes.
9	MR. TURKEL: I think we are
10	good on talking about what they may
11	have paid you up to the fault of
12	default, are we not, Chris?
13	MR. GRIFFIN: Yes, in terms of
14	confidentiality.
15	Q Right. He is not going to tell you
16	not to answer this question, which is do you
17	recall what Simdag paid you up to the point
18	of your lawsuit against them for defaulting
19	on the license agreement?
0.0	n No I don't know

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21 Q Any idea?

22 A No.

23 Q Would Donald Jr. know that?

24 A No, my accountants would know that.

25 Q Had they paid anything?

1	Donald Trump
2	A Yes, I think so, but they didn't pay
3	what they were supposed to pay.
4	Q Those checks pursuant to the agreement
5	would have been made payable to Donald Trump
6	individually, correct?
7	A I don't know. I don't know who they
8	are made payable to, but I don't believe they
9	paid it.
10	Q Are your accountants in-house for,
11	instance if we want to ask for those
12	documents, are they within the company's
13	control, or do I have to go to a third-party
14	accountant?
15	A Anything I give them are within the
16	company.
17	MR. GARTEN: Yes.
18	MR. GRIFFIN: With full
19	reservation of any objections
20	MR. TURKEL: Absolutely.
21	MR. GRIFFIN: You want to know
22	where they are located?

MR. TURKEL: I just want to 23 know if I put in a request to 24 production to a party I will not be 25 139 Donald Trump 1 told there is a third-party 2 accountant. 3 MR. GARTEN: No, it is information we can provide. 5 MR. TURKEL: Let's look at 6 Exhibit 5. 7 (Whereupon copy of complaint is marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 5 for 9 identification as of this date.) 10 Exhibit 5 is a copy of a complaint 11 filed by you individually against 12 Simdag/Robel and its principals in the United 13 States District Court for the Middle District 14 of Florida. Have you ever seen that 15 document? 16 Yes. 17 Being as you are the individual 18 plaintiff on it, I would assume it is fair to 19 say you authorized its filings? 20 Yes. 21 Α Was it shown to you prior to being 22 filed?

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- 24 A My lawyer showed it to me.
- 25 Q Did you read it?

1	Donald Trump
2	A I looked it over.
3	Q Take a look at paragraph eight, if you
4	could.
5	A Yes, I have it.
6	Q Can you read through that paragraph
7	really quickly, Mr. Trump, please? It is not
8	that long. It goes to the beginning of the
9	next pages.
10	A Okay.
11	Q Is everything in paragraph eight true
12	and correct based on your understanding of
13	your relationship with Simdag?
1.4	A Yes.
15	Q You attached the license agreement to
16	this complaint strike that. Your lawyers
17	attached the license agreement to this
18	complaint as Exhibit A. Were you aware of
19	that?
20	A No, but it seems appropriate.
21	Q You're suing for breach of the license
22	agreement, correct?
23	A Yes.
24	Q To summarize what this complaint was
25	about, it was suing for payment of the

1	Donald Trump
2	license agreement, correct?
3	A Okay.
4	Q Do you agree with that?
5	A I guess, yes.
6	Q Count one was a breach of contract and
7	the contract referred to is the license
8	agreement; right?
9	A Yes.
10	Q Were you aware when you filed this
11	lawsuit that the license agreement and its
12	terms were going to become a part of the
13	public record?
14	A No, they were in default of the
15	agreement. They didn't pay us, among other
16	things, and we had to bring a lawsuit.
17	Q What I am asking is when you filed
18	that lawsuit, did you give any thought to the
19	fact that there were purchasers that had
20	placed deposits on your building with your
21	name on it who were going to be affected
22	negatively by the fact that it was being
23	disclosed in the public record that you were
24	just licensing that building?
25	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the

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1	Donald Trump
2	form of the question.
3	A The market had already affected the
4	purchasers. The purchasers were affected by
5	the market.
6	Q Did you go through that thought
7	process when you filed this. In other words,
8	did you give any thought to the fact that it
9	may negatively impact purchasers that had put
10	down money on it?
11	A By this time, the building looked like
12	it was not going to happen, as were thousands
13	of other buildings in the United States.
14	Q There were two default lotters,
15	attached to this as Exhibits C and D,
16	demanding monies under the license agreement.
17	If you turn to Exhibit C and D?
18	A Okay.
19	Q Both of them were written by Bernard
20	Diamond on behalf of Donald J. Trump. Who is
21	Mr. Diamond?
22	A An attorney with the organization.
23	Q With Trump Organization?
2.4	A Yes.
25	Q Did you authorize him to send both of

1	Donald Trump
2	these letters, Exhibit C and D?
3	A Yes.
4	MR. TURKEL: Chris,
5	understanding you're going to object
6	as confidential, just to wrap up my
7	questioning on this
8	Q You ultimately resolved your case with
9	Simdag and the principals by settling it, did
10	you not?
11	MR. GRIFFIN: I will instruct
12	him not to answer it. As I said
13	before, I will stipulate that the
14	lawsuit was dismissed and will
15	disclose no other information about
16	that.
17	MR. TURKEL: Hold one moment.
18	I have some housekeeping things to do.
19	We will wrap it up, Mr, Trump. Mark
20	this as Exhibit 6.
21	(Whereupon second amendment to
22	license agreement is marked
23	Plaintiff's Exhibit 6 for
24	identification as of this date.)
25	Q Mr. Trump, what I am showing you is a

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2	document that is titled second amendment to
3	license agreement. It was produced to us by
4	counsel in discovery. It has a letter of
5	intent attached to it dated February 5th,
6	2007. Nothing is executed, really, in the
7	purest sense. I want to know whether you
8	know anything about this document.
9	A I knew that the related group and
10	Simdag were trying to save the project by
11	despite the bad market conditions at the
12	time, by getting together, and I fully
13	encouraged them to do that.
1 4	Q Who was the related group?
15	A It was a big real estate firm.
16	Q Was it a private equity firm? Were
17	they a building developer?
18	A No, it was a builder developer with
19	equity. They would have came in, and I think
20	they were looking to take over the position
21	of the folks developing the job, but the
22	market got worse and ultimately the deal
23	didn't happen.
24	Q Is it fair to say this wasn't
25	executed, and I understand that is it fair

1 Donald Trump

2 to say that any approvals that you, Donald J.

Trump, as licensor, needed to provide to get 3 this done were provided? MR. GRIFFIN: Objection to the form of the question. 6 I don't think so. I don't think it was ever really presented to me because it 8 never got done. The market killed --9 That's what I am trying to find out. 10 Did this get to you or did someone else draft 11 it? 12 I had heard about it through people 13 and somebody related actually told me, they 14 asked me what I thought. I said you should 15 try to do it, but the market ultimately 16 killed that deal and the job. 17 Is it fair for me to say that both the 18 genesis for this second amendment to license 19 agreement as well as any input didn't come 20 from you? 21 No, it didn't come from me. I would 22 have encouraged them to do it, but ultimately 23 it didn't get done. 24

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for to you take a look at. We are short on

the video. Then one more document. The

video is already short.

What I have left is just a document

5	(Whereupon privilege log is
6	marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 7 for
7	identification as of this date.)
8	(Discussion held off the
9	record.)
10	Q Mr. Trump, Exhibit 7 is a privilege
11	log. I don't expect you to know the content
12	of the actual log, but on the last page is a
13	list of individuals and titles that are
14	referred to as they relate to documents which
15	were withheld from production based on
16	attorney-client or other privilege or
17	immunity.
18	First off, if you could just look at
19	the actual parties that are named and just
20	confirm that the actual titles are correct;
21	for instance, where it says Bernard Diamond
22	as executive VP and general counsel, that is
23	indeed what he is. You can do it in general
24	across the whole document and just confirm
25	it.

1		Donald Trump
2	A	At the time, yes.
3	Q	Has it changed since now? I guess it
4	really	wouldn't matter.
c	7\	A couple of people aren't with us. A

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- the time of the document, these would be all correct. At the time of the signing, these
- 8 would be correct.
- 9 Q Your counsel, your in-house counsel,
- 10 is it Garten, has confirmed that as to the
- ones who haven't been described that we can
- get that information, correct?
- 13 A Sure.
- MR. GRIFFIN: Absolutely.
- 15 Q Subject of course --
- MR. GRIFFIN: We will get you
- 17 that information.
- 18 REQUEST NOTED
- 19 Q Mr. Trump, so you know, it is just so
- 20 we can make an assessment.
- 21 A It's okay. No problem.
- 22 Q Who is Russell Flicker?
- 23 A He was an executive at the Trump
- Organization a long time ago. He was a real
- 25 estate executive. I don't think he was

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1 Donald Trump

- 2 involved very much with this job.
- 3 Q He was provided to us as a person who
- 4 possesses information regarding negotiation
- 5 and execution of the agreement and subsequent
- 6 events related to the Trump Tower Tampa
- 7 project.

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8	A I don't remember him being involved in
9	this job.
10	Q His current address he has given us
11	was being at Blackstone Group?
12	A I think so, yes.
13	Q This is a current address for him.
14	When he was employed by Trump Organization,
15	what was his title?
16	A Vice president, I believe.
17	Q Of
18	A I don't know.
19	MR. GARTEN: I can give that
20	you information.
21	Q We have just two more things to move
22	on.
23	MR. CLARK: I have the video
24	set up already. We will mark this as
25	Exhibit 8.

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1		Donald Trump
2		MR. GRIFFIN: To move it along,
3		do you want to tell him what you are
4		going to ask him about it?
5		(Whereupon, a video is marked
6		Plaintiff's Exhibit 8 for
7		identification as of this date.)
8	Q	I think I am just going to have him

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9	verify the veracity of the comments he made.
10	MR. GARTEN: What do you want
11	to ask him; if he said it?
12	MR. CLARK: Give me 30 seconds,
13	gentleman. If I can't get this thing
14	to pop up
15	MR. TURKEL: Are we going to
16	stipulate on the record that we
17	couldn't make the video, that we
18	couldn't publish during the depo
19	Exhibit 8?
20	MR. GRIFFIN: That's fine.
21	MR. TURKEL: We will stipulate
22	to its authenticity?
23	MR. GRIFFIN: Yes, that it is
24	what it purports to be.
25	(Whereupon, a letter written

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1	Donald Trump
2	to Wall Street Journal is marked
3	Plaintiff's Exhibit 9 for
4	identification as of this date.)
5	Q Mr. Trump, what I am showing you is a
6	letter written to the New York Times. I can
7	confirm to you that it was published in the
8	November 16, '07, New York Times?
9	A Okay.
10	Q Or shortly thereafter. Actually it is

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11	respond	ding to a November 16 article.
12		Do you recall writing this letter?
13	A	Yes.
14	Q	Did you write it personally?
15	A	I think so, yes.
16	Q	Is everything in that letter true and
17	correct	based on what you read at the time?
18	A	About the Tampa project?
19	Q	Yes, in respect to everything,
20	actual	ly.
21	А	I have to read the whole letter then.
22	Q	Let me correct it. It was Wall Street
23	Journa	l, not the New York Times.
24		MR. GRIFFIN: Was this produced
25		to us?

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1	Donald Trump
2	MR. CLARK: No.
3	MR. GRIFFIN: For the record, I
4	will reserve my objection to any part
5	of his testimony since this document
6	was not produced to us in advance, but
7	I will not stop any questions. Go
8	ahead.
9	A At the time, this was successful. The
10	world has changed since this letter was
11	written. A lot of things in this letter

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12 things have changed. At the time, it was written, yes, with 13 the understanding that the license agreement 14 that we have, I viewed that as a partnership 15 because of our developing rights, et cetera, 16 et cetera, but, generally speaking, this 17 letter would be correct at the time it was 18 written, but of course, the world took a big 19 change since this letter was written. 20 I think my questions relating to the 21 document are really simple, Mr. Trump. You 22 wrote this personally; right? 23 Yes. 24 Nothing in this is misprinted in the 25

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1	Donald Trump
2	sense that it is an authentic reprint of what
3	you wrote?
4	A That is correct, yes.
5	Q That's it.
6	A Okay.
7	MR. GRIFFIN: We have no
8	questions.
9	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off
10	the record 12:51.
11	(Time noted: 12:51 p.m.)
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13	

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15	DONALD J.	TRUMP
16		
17	Subscribed and sworn to before me	
18	this day of , 2010.	
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20	Notary Public	
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CERTIFICATE 2 I, LORI CERRANO, hereby certify that the 3 Examination Before Trial of DONALD J. TRUMP was held 4 before me on the 20th day of September, 2010, that said witness was duly sworn before the commencement 6 7 of the testimony; that the testimony was taken stenographically by myself and then transcribed by 8 myself; that the party was represented by counsel as 9 10 appears herein; That the within transcript is a true record 11 of the Examination Before Trial of said witness; 12 That I am not connected by blood or marriage 13 with any of the parties; that I am not interested 14 directly or indirectly in the outcome of this 15 matter; that I am not in the employ of any of the 16

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COR<u>US</u> BANK N.A. LOAN PRESENTATION Stillman/Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale, FL

Tim Dendrings

NOTE:

On November 14, 2005, the DLC approved a loan on this Project that did not close because of project delays and significant cost increases. This is a resubmission of the loan presentation based on the revised terms. Exhibit "A" is a comparison of the original approved loan to the revised loan. In essence, we have agreed to significantly increase our loan amount in exchange for much thicker pricing and slightly more presales.

Date:

October 23, 2006

Borrower:

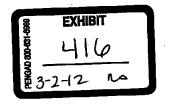
SB Hotel Associates, LLC which is owned by Stillman Bayrock Merrimac, LLC ("Stillman Bayrock") which is 48.4% owned by Stillman Merrimac, LLC, 39.6% owned by Bayrock Merrimac, LLC, and 12% owned by Motwani Merrimac, LLC. Trump Lauderdale Development – No.2, LLC is a Class B member with no cash in the deal and with no profit participation in the deal (other than via the agreements discussed in detail below). Stillman Merrimac, LLC is 55% owned by Roy Stillman ("Stillman") and 45% owned by three other individuals. All ownership percentages reflect both the actual amount of cash invested as well as the resulting profit participation (i.e. there is no developer promote). See Exhibit "B" for a detailed organizational chart.

Bayrock Merrimac LLC, an affiliate of a New York City developer known as Bayrock Development was the original land contract purchaser and they reportedly subsequently brought in Roy Stillman, who the Bank provided one successful loan to on his Metropolitan project in Manhattan's Upper East Side, to act as the primary developer on the Project as they did not feel they had enough experience to bring the project to a successful conclusion. Stillman was the Bank's entre into their transaction.

Motwani Merrimac, LLC, the seller of the land, exercised an option in their land sales contract to purchase up to a 12% stake in the Project by contributing \$360,000 in cash. According to Stillman, Trump Lauderdale Development – No.2, LLC's inclusion in the organizational chart serves the purpose of being able to say that Donald Trump is an investor in the Project rather than just a licensor and operator (see below).

Loan Amount:

\$139,000,000.



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Loan Purpose:

To provide a construction loan facility to finance a portion of the hard and soft costs of construction of a hotel condominium project (the "Building") on the parcel of land located at 551 North Ft. Lauderdale Beach Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL (the "Site"). The Site, the Building and its construction are collectively referred to hereafter as the "Project". Upon completion, the Project will contain: (a) approximately 410 parking spaces; (b) approximately 14,305 sf of ground floor and basement retail space; and (c) 298 residential condominium units (the "Units") containing approximately 240,000 net sellable square feet (as measured from the interior of the glass in the exterior walls, the middle of demising walls between Units, and to the public side of any common area walls, and excluding balconies, hallways, common areas, and the structural walls and areas of exit stairs, elevator shafts and common mechanical shafts). All references to SF going forward ignore the immaterial amount of retail space.

The sources and uses of the Project are as follows:

Sources			<u>\$/</u>	RSF	<u>%</u>
Borrower Cash Equity	\$	3,140,000	\$	13	1.6%
CBRE Mezz Loan	\$	38,260,000	\$	159	19.6%
2nd 10% Earnest Money Deposits	\$	14,500,000	\$	60	7.4%
Corus Senior Debt	\$	139,000,000	\$	579	71.3%
Total Sources	\$	194,900,000	\$	812	100.0%
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Uses			\$/	RSF	<u>%</u>
Uses Acquisition Costs	\$	20,215,615	<u>\$/</u> \$	<u>RSF</u> 84	<u>%</u> 10.4%
	\$	20,215,615 120,674,271			
Acquisition Costs	-		\$	84	10.4%

A more detailed Project budget is attached as Exhibit "C".

Loan to Sellout:

		Borrower Projected	Ba	ınk Projected		praiser (Gross ellout Value)		ppraiser (Bulk iscount Value)
Residential - Gross Sellout	S	282,960,000	\$	271,858,432	\$	280,000,000	T	
Gross Sellout/Residential Sellable SF	\$	1,179	\$	1,136	\$	1,170		•
Retail Gross Sellout	s	8,583,000	\$	4,291,500	5	5,000,000		
Gross Sellout /Retail SF	\$	600	\$	300	\$	350		
Total Gross Sellout	s	291,543,000	\$	276,149,932	\$	285,000,000	s	220,000,000
Corus Loan	\$	139,000,000	\$	139,000,000	s	139,000,000	s	139,000,000
Loan to Gross Sellout		48%		50%		499		63%

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Guaranty:

There shall be no repayment guaranty; however, Stillman shall guaranty

standard "bad-act" carve-outs and completion of the Project.

Interest Rate:

The greater of LIBOR + 3.50% or 6.50%; adjusting quarterly.

Term:

30 months, with one 6 month extension provided: (i) the Project is substantially complete; (ii) a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the appropriate government authority; (iii) the Borrower gives the Bank at least 30 days prior written notice of its election to exercise the Extension; (iv) the Loan is not matured or in default, and there is no condition which with the passage of time, or giving of notice, would constitute an event of default; (v) the Bank's trailing exposure is less than the product of: (a) \$200; times (b) the aggregate net sellable square footage of those Units remaining as collateral for the Loan (note that at pro forma prices the Borrower would have to close on approximately 126 units, or 42% of the Project, to qualify for the extension); and (vi) the Borrower pays a fee of 0.5% of the outstanding Loan Amount plus any unfunded commitment at the time the loan Extension is requested.

Loan Fee:

\$1,390,000 (1.00%)

Exit Fee:

\$2,780,000 (2.00%), payable at \$20,000 per unit closed (meaning it will be

fully paid after 139 units close).

Prepayment Charge: None, if the Borrower repays the Loan (or a portion thereof) from proceeds realized by the sale of Units and other Project components to retail purchasers; otherwise the Bank shall charge a prepayment charge equal to two percent (2%) of the amount prepaid (including any unfunded commitment if Loan is paid in full).

Interstate Land

Sales Act:

To comply with the Interstate Land Sales Act, the Borrower has filed with HUD and as of 10/28/05 has received HUD's approval of the form of purchase contract and the Property Condition Report. Jones Day reviewed and approved the Borrower's submission to HUD, the Property Condition Report, and HUD's approval letter to the Borrower. The Bank is satisfied that the Project is fully HUD compliant.

Hotel Project Component:

It is important to note up-front that the Project will be marketed, sold and operated as a condominium hotel (with the hotel being run under the Trump brand, as discussed in the next section below), a relatively new real estate concept whereby: (a) Units are sold on a fee simple basis to individual retail purchasers; and (b) those purchasers then have the right, but not the obligation, to, when not using them (while there are currently

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no legal restriction (see below) on how frequently Unit purchasers may occupy their Units, it is clear that the vast majority of buyers will be using their Units as a third or fourth residence, and not as their primary home), put their Unit into a Hotel rental pool to be rented out by the hotel operator to the public.

While we will discuss the actual economics of the hotel component of the Project later (they are not of paramount importance to us, because, as evidenced by our extremely conservative LTV, we fully expect to be paid off well before hotel operations commence in earnest), we would like to note here that, for a number of reasons, we feel that hotel condominium projects are riskier than straight forward condo projects. First, we simply do not have much experience financing hotel condo projects (we have two others which are still under construction: Sole' in Sunny Isles Beach, FL, and the Platinum in Las Vegas, NV). Second, the purchasers in these types of projects are clearly not intending to use them as their primary residence, and they are therefore more likely to walk away from their earnest money in the event of a market downturn. Third, there is a risk that if the developer makes representations to the Unit purchasers relating to the amount of income they can expect to generate from the hotel component, that the Project could fall under SEC securities guidelines and that said purchasers could back out of their contracts or tie the Project up with lawsuits in the event those expectations are not met. While Stillman has emphatically stated that no such representations have been made, it seems at least possible that some over zealous employee or marketing agent could step over the line in the hope of making a sale.

Two additional negatives to this hotel condo Project are: Units at the Project are very small as over half the units are less than 650 square feet, (average Unit size is greater at 805 SF) and the presence of fully furnished units makes it difficult to gauge an accurate resale value.

Legal Review of

Condo/Hotel Issues: The Bank's outside counsel, Tracy Plott from DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, reviewed the Project's acquisition and condominium documents along with Florida statutes and ordinances regarding the following issues:

- 1. Florida Residency: The acquisition and condominium documents disclaim an owner's ability to establish residency at the Project. As the property is not zoned for residential use, a unit owner may not be able to claim the Unit as a principal residence. This could be a negative from a purchaser's perspective due to the lack of state income tax in Florida.
- 2. Language Regarding Future Revenue Potential: The acquisition and condominium documents require each purchaser to acknowledge that they are not to rely on any representations regarding future property

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value or future potential revenue associated with the condominium units.

3. Hotel/Condo Residency Restrictions: The contract once again disclaims the ability of purchasers to continually reside in Units. While there is no ordinance specifically restricting continuous occupancy, it is clear that the property is not zoned for "residential use" and that laws could be passed in the future restricting occupancy by purchasers.

The Borrower has recorded a Declaration of Restrictions against the Project (driven, we believe by the project approval process with City of Ft. Lauderdale), which (i) specifically restricts the use of units to a "hotel use", further specifying that the "units shall not be used for residential use"; and (ii) states that "all units shall be managed by a hotel management company under a unified plan for hotel use." It should be noted that according the Borrower's attorney, other Ft. Lauderdale condo-hotel projects have similarly worded restrictions recorded against their projects. The Bank's outside counsel is currently trying to confirm this.

The Bank's outside counsel (including their securities experts) expressed concern with some of the language in the Declaration of Restrictions, as a court could be more likely to deem the condo sales to be a sale of 'securities', which would then subject such sales to securities laws (making contracts rescindable). The Bank requested that DLA Piper Rudnick perform an extensive search regarding condo sales, and under what circumstances, if any, they might be deemed to be the sale of a security. The research proved to be informative, yet inconclusive, in the opinion of the Bank's outside counsel, as well as Peter Freund (one of the Bank's in-house attorneys) and Keith Gibbons. Based on the above research and related discussions, the Bank concluded that the presence of the Declaration of Restrictions results in a marginally greater risk that purchase contracts executed with respect to the Project may be rescindable.

All of these issues further highlight the relative novelty, and therefore uncertainties, surrounding condo hotel projects, and add a degree of risk to this deal.

Trump Agreements:

Branding Agreement

The Project will be branded under the Donald Trump ("Trump") umbrella of properties and the Project name will be "Trump International Hotel and Condominium". Under the branding agreement, Trump will receive the following: (a) \$250,000 payment upfront (included in the Project budget); (b) a residential/hotel incentive, which shall be computed and

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paid to Trump upon the date which 85% of the Units have closed, and consisting of: (i) 5% of the amount by which the average gross sales of the Units equals or exceeds \$600/SF but is less than or equal to \$750/SF; (ii) 10% of the amount by which the average gross sales of the Units equals or exceeds \$750/SF but is less than or equal to \$900/SF; and (iii) 15% of the amount by which the average gross sales of the Units exceeds \$900/SF; and (c) a retail incentive consisting of: (i) 15% of the amount by which net rents equal or exceed \$300 per retail square foot and all sales based rents that the Borrower may collect; or (ii) 15% of the amount by which the capitalized value of net rents equals or exceeds \$300 per retail square foot. Based on the Bank's pro forma sellout the "incentive" payment to Trump would equal approximately \$19,296M. Given the timing of its payment (i.e. long after we will be paid in full), the incentive fee is not included in the Project Budget.

Development and Services Agreement

The Borrower has entered into the Development and Services Agreement with Trump Lauderdale Development LLC, for development advisement and assistance services. As compensation for these services, the Borrower will pay Trump a fee equal to 1.5% of all hard and soft costs of the Project (including land acquisition) to be paid as follows: a) \$20,000 per month for 48 months; b) 75% of the remaining fee on the date of substantial completion; and c) 25% of the remaining fee five days after final completion of the Project. According to Stillman, this agreement was entered into by Bayrock and serves little purpose other than providing Trump with additional fee revenue because Trump and his employees have not and will not have any direct involvement in the development of the Project.

Trump Hotel Operating Agreement:

Trump Florida Hotel Management LLC will manage the hotel component of the Project for a period of three years with one three-year extension. As compensation for these services, Trump will receive the following fees: a) an annual fee of \$1,000 for each unit at the Project; and b) 40% of the adjusted gross income from the hotel.

The Bank perceives Trump's involvement in the Project as positive for the purposes of marketing the hotel condo units and operating the hotel.

Use of Earnest Money:

Borrower shall be required to use at least \$14,500,000 (the "Minimum Earnest Money Investment") of second half earnest money deposits for hard costs contained in the Project budget prior to loan disbursement.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower shall use all second half earnest money deposits available to it for the hard costs of construction. The Loan shall be reduced dollar for dollar for all second half earnest money deposits received by Borrower in excess of \$14,500,000.

Equity

Requirement:

\$3,140,000 from the members of the Borrower. All equity shall be fully

disbursed prior to any Loan disbursements.

Subordinate Debt:

\$38,260,000 (excluding any interest reserve) from CB Richard Ellis Strategic Partners III, L.P ("CBRE"). CBRE's term sheet is attached as **Exhibit "D"** (Please note that the loan amount stated in Exhibit "D" was adjusted based on the actual total Project cost, as well as the usage of EMD's toward Project costs. See CBRE discussion below)

Collateral:

First mortgage on the Project and all other customary collateral.

Collateral Release:

Greater of: (a) 100% of net; or (b) 93% of gross until our exposure is paid

down to \$200/SF. Thereafter, \$400/SF.

Presale

Requirement:

Prior to any Loan disbursements, the Borrower must have entered into: (a) Valid Sales Contracts for at least 166 Units comprising no less than 118,900 net sellable square feet and at an average selling price of no less than \$1,050 per net sellable square foot; and (b) Related Party Contracts (as defined below) for at least 10 Units comprising no less than 8,600 net sellable square feet and at an average selling price of no less than \$1,050 per net sellable square foot ("Presale Requirement").

The Borrower has met the Presale Requirement as detailed below. Please note that in May 2006, the Bank retained the audit firm RSM McGladrey ("RSM") to verify the Presale Requirement. RSM verified that the Borrower had 178 total Valid Sales Contracts totaling \$147,555M and 129,488 square feet, thereby meeting the presale requirement.

	#	SF	\$	\$/SF	E	MD Collected
Unrelated Parties	166	118,760	136,044,701	\$ 1,146	\$	27,209,042
Related Parties	12	10,728	11,510,375	\$ 1,073	\$	2,307,113
Total	178	129,488	147,555,076	\$ 1,140	\$	29,516,155

See Exhibit "E" for a detailed Sales Summary.

Valid Sales

Contracts:

Valid Sales Contracts must satisfy all of the following: (i) the sales contract must be on a form pre-approved by the Bank; (ii) the purchase price

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(excluding any amounts allocated for parking space and any upgrades) for each Unit shall be greater than or equal to 85% of the list price for that particular Unit as detailed on the Approved Price List (notwithstanding the foregoing, the Valid Sales Contracts and Related Party Contracts, as defined below, satisfying the Presale Requirement shall have an average selling price of no less than \$1,050 per net sellable square foot); (iii) the sales contract must be to unrelated third party purchasers; (iv) no more than two Units may be sold to a single investor or its affiliates (notwithstanding the foregoing, three arms-length purchasers shall be allowed to purchase up to 3 units each and all related party purchasers shall be allowed to purchase up to 4 units each); (v) there are no unexpired contingencies including a mortgage contingency; (vi) purchaser has deposited a non-refundable EMD of at least 20% of the gross sales price; (vii) the delivery date under the contract is no earlier than June 30, 2009; and (viii) the contract specifically states that the purchaser agrees that the seller may use earnest money deposits in excess of 10% for costs of construction and that the purchaser has no lien rights with respect to the Project and all of purchaser's rights under the contract are subordinate to the Bank's mortgage and other security interests. Borrower shall not enter into any contracts for the sale of units which are not Valid Sales Contracts, except that Borrower may enter into contracts subject to a commercially reasonable mortgage contingency provided such contracts will not be deemed a Valid Sales Contract until the expiration or satisfaction of the mortgage contingency.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Borrower may enter into up to 50 contracts with purchasers who are affiliates of either Borrower and Guarantor; however, those contracts must satisfy all other conditions of a Valid Sales Contract (the "Related Party Contracts"). In addition, any units purchased by affiliates of the Guarantor will not close until the Project has been substantially completed in a lien free manner.

Finally, it is understood that Borrower has entered into a contract with the previous Site Owner to purchase a roughly 4,000 sf penthouse unit at "cost", with "cost" to be determined upon completion of construction (the "At Cost Contract"). While the Bank approves the At Cost Contract, it is understood that the At Cost Contract: (a) will not be one of the contracts comprising the Presale Requirement; and (b) will not be considered a Related Party Contract.

Please note that the outside delivery date of 6/30/09 is reasonable, as the GMP calls for an estimated completion date of no later than 8/31/08, leaving a cushion of 10 months.

See Exhibit "F" Commitment Letter for the rest of the Loan details. (This commitment letter is dated 6/28/06 and does not reflect the changes to the project budget, mezzanine loan amount and equity)

CBRE Discussion:

CBRE is a real estate investment fund sponsored by CB Richard Ellis Investors, LLC, the global investment subsidiary of CB Richard Ellis, Inc. CB Richard Ellis Investors, LLC has over \$14 billion in assets under management. CBRE is a fully discretionary, internally managed investment fund with over \$1.1 billion in total capitalization.

In July 2004, a CB Richard Ellis affiliate and Stillman Bayrock Merrimac formed a joint venture to acquire the Site and fund pre-development and marketing costs. Once the Bank closes on the Loan and CBRE closes on their subordinate mezzanine loan, CBRE's disbursements will replace the joint venture's interest allocated to the CB Richard Ellis affiliate. The terms of the loan are as follows:

Mezz Loan Amount:

\$38,260,000

Interest Rate:

9% fixed return, compounding monthly, plus contingent interest equal to 10.75% of gross

sale of any portion of the Project

Term:

term will coincide with Bank's term

Commitment Fee:

1.25% (\$438M paid in June 2004)

CBRE has fully funded Project costs as the Site is cleared and the excavation and foundation work is completed.

Assuming the Borrower's anticipated sellout of \$291,543M as well as a fully outstanding balance on their loan for a term of 36 months, CBRE will earn a total profit of roughly \$42,761M on their \$38,260M investment in the Project.

It should be noted that the Mezz loan and the Bank's Loan together exceed 90% of the total Project costs.

The willingness of CBRE, a financially strong and experienced real estate services company, to invest \$38,260,000 in the Project (approximately 20% of Project cost) ahead of the Bank's \$139,000M Loan, demonstrates their confidence in the Project and the Borrower, adding comfort to the Bank's position. It is one of the strengths of this credit.

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Market Discussion: The City of Fort Lauderdale, which is called the Venice of America, is located in the east-central portion of Broward County between Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties. Fort Lauderdale has seven miles of shoreline along the Atlantic Ocean and 85 miles of natural and man-made navigable waterways, making it a desirable tourist destination.

> Fort Lauderdale is approximately 25 miles north of Miami and 47 miles The Project's neighborhood is located near all south of Palm Beach. transportation centers. The Hollywood/Fort Lauderdale International Airport is 2.5 miles southwest of the Project, Port Everglades is 1.5 miles southwest of the Project, and Downtown Fort Lauderdale is 2 miles west of the Project. The Project is located along State A1A (also known as North Atlantic Boulevard), which separates the Project from the Atlantic Ocean. The Project will be very accessible via Florida's highway system, as well as the Fort Lauderdale International Airport that is 10 miles away.

> The Site and surrounding areas are undergoing a change from older lowrise motel and rental apartment buildings to luxury high-rise condos and condo/hotels. These low-rise motels, which were popular during the 1960's through 1980's for "spring break" tourists, are now being knocked down to build luxury high-rise hotels and hotel condos such as the Project. There are currently over 1,500 hotel rooms under construction, planned, or recently completed. The main focus of the Fort Lauderdale economy is tourism and the related marine industry. Fort Lauderdale has a work force of 775,000 people, a third of which are in the tourism services industry.

General Area/ Site Discussion:

A site plan, maps, project renderings, and photos are attached as Exhibit The Project is located at 551 North Atlantic Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. The Project's neighborhood is a strip of land between the Intra-Coastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. Given the Project's waterfront location, most units will have either ocean or Intra-Coastal views. The majority of the surrounding area is used for hotels, condo-hotels, and entertainment establishments catering to tourists. The area immediately south of the Las Olas Boulevard is mainly commercial space, while areas to the north of Las Olas Boulevard are primarily multi-family condominium developments. The uses to the west of the Project are a mix of high-end luxury single family residences and town homes.

Sunrise Boulevard and Las Olas Boulevard, both upscale shopping and entertainment areas, are a half mile away from the Project. The project is

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also within walking distance to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the Historic Antiques District, and the oceanfront Birch State Park.

Michael Stein and Bob Glickman visited the Site in January 2006 and found the area to be desirable for a hotel condo development based on its proximity to the Atlantic Ocean. On a separate occasion Keith Gibbons visited the Site in March 2004 and December 2006 and also found the Project's layout to optimize water views of both the Intra-Coastal and the Atlantic Ocean. Mr. Gibbons also found that the area was ideal for tourism based on the location of surrounding shopping, restaurants, and boating facilities.

The Site is located in an affluent area that is starting to become a higherend tourist destination characterized by high-end real estate, luxury shopping and gourmet restaurants. The Project is also located near other demand generators: the beach, golf courses, boating marinas, and entertainment venues.

Overall, the location of the Site right across the street from the beach in Fort Lauderdale is "A" and is one the primary strengths of their deal.

Environmental Report

E, E, and G prepared a Phase I Environmental Assessment of the Project site dated October 2003. The assessment did not reveal evidence of any unresolved environmental concerns in connection with the Project.

Project Discussion:

The Project will consist two buildings: a) a 5 story building located on the east portion of the Site which will contain a restaurant and retail on the first floor facing A1A and hotel condo units on floors 2 through 5 ("East Building"); and b) a 24 story building on the west portion of the Site, in which hotel operations will occupy the basement, a parking garage containing 410 parking spaces will occupy floors 1 through 5, and hotel condo units will occupy floors 6 through 24 ("West Building"). Please note that the Borrower does not intend to market the parking spaces at this time. The East Building will not block any ocean views of the units of West Building because the first five floors of the West Building contain the parking garage. The rooftop of the East Building will include an open deck with a sky bridge leading to the West Building and its 6th floor recreation area. Both the East Building and West Building combined will contain approximately 240,000 sellable square feet. The average unit size is 805 square feet and the residential unit mix at the Project is as follows:

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BR/BA	# of Units	Saleable SF	Total SF per Unit Type	% of Total
Studio	151	479 to 648 SF	92,299	38.1%
1BR/1.5BA	89	767 to 1,296 SF	74,988	31.0%
2BR/2BA	54	997 to 1,712 SF	64,930	26.8%
3BR/3BA	3	1,592 to 2,365 SF	5,706	2.4%
4BR/3BA	1	4,055 SF	4,055	1.7%
Total	298		241,978	100%

The Project building and interior finishes were designed by the well-known architect, Michael Graves & Associates, in conjunction with Oscar Garcia (as discussed below).

All units will come fully finished and furnished (the FF&E budget is \$25,453 per unit). Units will have state of the art kitchens with stainless steel appliances, wood cabinets, and granite counter tops, as well as Italian marble floors in the kitchen and bathrooms. Studio units will include galley kitchens but will still have ranges, microwaves, sinks and refrigerators. All bathrooms will have high-end fixtures and bathtub/showers. Ceiling heights in the units will be 9 feet, while the lobby ceiling height is 20 feet. Most larger units will include stackable washer/dryers. All units will have top of the line in-unit furniture, flat screen televisions, DVD players, and music systems, and luxury hotel quality linens and flatware. Unit owners will have one lockable closet in order to keep certain items protected from hotel guests that may be renting a unit.

The Project will provide luxury amenities, including two restaurants, a full spa, a 3,000 square foot fitness center, private cabanas overlooking the ocean, 6th floor pool with sundeck, 24-hour maid service, an executive center, valet parking service, 24-hour concierge and room service, and a high-end luxury retail center.

Unlike some of the hotel condo projects which have crossed our desk, none of the Units have internal "lockouts" whereby a portion of the Unit can be rented. However, a number of Units are connected to a second Unit allowing purchasers the option of purchasing both connecting Units and only putting one of them in the rental pool.

The combination of Michael Graves as the designing architect and Trump as a licensor and hotel operator adds some cachet and marketability to the Project. The Project appears to be well-designed with relatively high-end finishes.

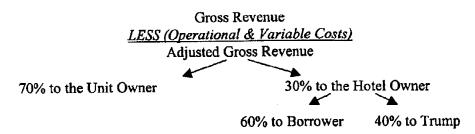
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Unit purchasers will be the owners of all furnishings in their unit. For a Unit to remain in the pool of rentable hotel condo units (as determined by the hotel management company), the Unit owner is responsible for keeping the Unit and all furnishings in a condition consistent with a luxury hotel. It is anticipated that the Unit owners will purchase insurance policies to cover their units and their interior furnishings.

Hotel Rental Agreement

The Borrower is in the process of creating the rental agreement which will define the rights and obligations of all parties as it relates to the purchaser's voluntary participation in the hotel rental pool. Stillman claims he has deliberately delayed finalizing the rental agreement to avoid potential SEC issues but that said agreement will be finalized prior to closing. In a phone conversation Stillman provided a basic description of the cash flow to all parties that will eventually be stated in the rental agreement. A diagram of the cash flow is as follows:



Stillman claims that, in essence, all costs of running the Project, including those one would think would be allocated to Units not participating in the program are run through the Hotel component. Stillman thinks that the residual annual cash flow from the hotel component to the Borrower would exceed \$2,000M. We will hold all judgment.

At the end of the day, we have no confidence in our ability to analyze or determine how the hotel rental pool component of the Project will shake out. We are relying on the fact that we will be fully paid off, as evidenced by the presales at \$1,136/SF, prior to hotel operations commencing.

Sales Program

The Borrower has hired four real estate firms to market the Project Units: Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, Galleria Collection Marketing, Inc., Sheldon Greene & Associates, Inc., and Realty Marketing and Development Corp. The Borrower started taking reservations in February

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2005 and has 185 contracts as of the end of July 2006 at an average contract price of \$1,136 per square foot. The 113 units that have not been sold to date have an average list price per square foot of \$1,198. See table below for more detail

STILLMAN SALES SUMMARY (7/2006)				•
Sales Contracts (LESS THAN 20% DOWN)	#	SF	\$	\$/SF
Unrelated Parties	3	1,651	1,894,000	\$ 1,147
Related Parties	4	<u>3,830</u>	<u>3,883,875</u>	<u>\$1,014</u>
Total ·	7	5,481	5,777,875	\$ 1,054
Sales Contracts (WITH FULL 20% DOWN)	#	SF	\$	\$/SF
Unrelated Parties	166	118,760	136,044,701	\$ 1,146
Related Parties	12	10,728	11,510,375	<u>\$1,073</u>
Total	178	129,488	147,555,076	\$ 1,140
Total Contracts	#	SF	\$	\$/SF
Unrelated Parties	169	120,411	137,938,701	\$ 1,146
Related Parties	16	14,558	15,394,250	\$ 1,057
Total	185	134,969	153,332,951	\$ 1,136

Architect

Working with Michael Graves is Oscar Garcia Architects ("Oscar Garcia"). Oscar Garcia will be the architect of record on this Project and has significant high-rise experience in South Florida. Of Oscar Garcia's more significant projects are: D' Art Condominiums, a 154 unit condo in Fort Lauderdale, Biscayne Landing Tower, a 470 unit project in North Miami, and Beach Street Condominiums, a 200 unit condo in Daytona Beach.

General Contractor

The Stiles Corporation ("Stiles"), of Fort Lauderdale, has developed more than 30 million square feet of office, retail, multi-family residential, and industrial facilities, will be the GC for the Project. Stiles has successfully developed self-contained, master-planned, mixed-use business parks, build-to-suit and luxury mixed-use residential properties for a respected list of clients and tenants. Stiles Corporation has built projects in Fort Lauderdale such as Sunrise Harbor, Las Olas Centre, New River Center, Las Olas Place, Bank of America Plaza at Las Olas City Centre, 350 Las Olas Place Condo, and Republic Plaza.

Stiles Corporation and Consolidated Entities report the following financial information:

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	nonths ending 12/31/2004	12 months ending 12/31/2005		
Assets	\$ 79,912,245	\$	85,139,257	
Liabilities	\$ 61,038,966	\$	66,224,736	
Stockholder Equity	\$ 18,873,279	\$	18,914,521	
Comprehensive Income	\$ 3,780,103	\$	2,196,242	

Based on an informal survey of Florida area inspecting consultants, Stiles is considered a respectable general contractor with long standing ties to the Fort Lauderdale community. Through the early 1980's and 1990's, Stiles acted as a developer/builder for several office buildings in Broward County near I-95.

Bonding

The Stiles contract will be fully bonded. In addition, Stiles will purchase Subguard to protect itself from any subcontractor default.

Plan and Cost Review

The Bank retained Merritt and Harris, Inc. as its construction consultant. M&H completed a plan and cost review report for the Bank but the Senior Construction Manager felt the report was incomplete and of poor quality. The Bank has chosen to hire Steve Panter of Panter Associates to conduct an additional plan and cost review. The Bank will ensure that the findings of the report are adequate and that any necessary clarification will be finalized prior to any disbursements.

<u>Insurance</u>

In order to circumvent very high premiums during hurricane season in Florida, the Borrower requested permission to underinsure the Project by approximately \$25MM. Because the insurance coverage is stacked (several companies take a portion of the insurance coverage), this \$25MM shortfall applies to the top layer of potential loss, which would occur near the end of the Project. The Bank has approved of closing the Loan despite not having full insurance coverage for the Project and allowing the Borrower to obtain the coverage once the premium market has cooled.

One issue that arose during the negotiation of the underinsurance was that the current insurers of the Project are currently unaware of increases to the budget and changes to the completion date. The updated information could potentially affect the premium owed to each insurer. An initial concern was that the insurers could void their policy claiming misrepresentation from the Borrower. To protect against this possibility, Nate McKitterick, DLA Piper's insurance expert, analyzed the actual

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insurance policies. McKitterick found that when the Borrower reveals the budget increases and completion date changes to the insurers, the insurers would collect the amount of the additional unpaid premium owed to date rather than void the policies.

In the Bank's estimation, the Project budget includes adequate funds to fund insurance costs over the life of the Loan.

Project Budget

The total cost of the Project can be broken down as follows:

	\$	\$ Per Unit		Per SF	
Land	\$ 20,215,615	\$	67,838	\$	84
Hard Costs	\$ 120,674,271	\$	404,947	\$	503
Soft Costs	\$ 54,010,114	\$	181,242	\$	225
Total Project Costs	\$ 194,900,000	\$	654,027	\$	812

Please refer to Exhibit "C" for a detailed budget. Even though the GMP Construction Contract has not been executed, the budget is essentially complete. The budget includes a developer fee line item of \$2,000,000 (1.8% of the GMP) which is paid to Stillman at a rate of \$69,000 per month until paid in full. Land of \$20,215M is included in the budget at actual cost. Interest reserve of \$12,800M in the budget is slightly less than the \$13,654M amount predicted by the Bank's profitability model, but we believe the repayment assumption (5 months) contained therein is quite conservative.

For-Sale Valuation/

Exposure Analysis: Borrower Valuation

Assuming the Bank's Loan is fully disbursed and there have not been any unit closings, the Loan exposure will be approximately \$579 per residential sf and \$547 per residential and retail SF. The Borrower has projected an average sales price of \$1,179/sf for the residential units, and \$600/sf for the retail space resulting in a total sellout of approximately \$291,543M and an LTS on the subject loan of 48%. Commissions and closing costs are estimated at 7%, which would result in a net sellout of \$271,135M. The exposure analysis, based on the Borrower's estimates, is attached as Exhibit "H" and suggests that the Loan would be paid off after the sale and closing of approximately 214 units or 72% of the residential portion of the Project. It is important to note that because of the step down in the collateral release of Units (as described above) the Borrower will "cash out" approximately \$54,896M before the Bank is paid in full.

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Appraiser's Valuation

The Bank received an appraisal from Appraisal First, Inc. ("Appraiser") dated November 8, 2005. The Appraiser valued the Project as follows: an "as is" market value of \$50,000M; a "bulk wholesale value" of \$220,000M; and a "gross retail sellout value" of \$285,000M.

The Appraiser used four land sales in the area to value the Site. The most relevant land sale is listed below:

	Project	Land Comp
Location	551 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd	700 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd
Sale Date	Oct-04	Aug-05
Sale Price	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,600,000
Size (SF)	79,897	48,824
Price/SF	\$ 250.32	\$ 421.92

The best land comp provided by the Appraiser is just north of the Project. Since the comparable was purchased in August 2005 and is very close to the project with similar zoning and density restrictions, this comp represents the best market value of the Site. The appraiser used this comp to arrive at a land valuation of \$34MM, which is \$14MM above what it was purchased for in October 2004 and what it is valued at in the Project Budget.

In addition to having the Borrower's unit reservations, the Appraiser used sales at four Fort Lauderdale condo/hotels. Below is chart comparing these projects:

Name	Trump International Hotel & Tower	W Hotel - Fort Lauderdale	The Atlantic	Q Club	St. Regis
Stories	24	19 (2 towers)	16	25	23
Units	298	517	124	333	233
Completion Date	Early 2007	Early 2007	June 2004	Mid 2006	Early 2006
Residences	None	171	124	None	67
Avg Unit SF	805	1200	900	868	3056
\$/SF Range	\$800 to \$1,908	\$889 to \$\$1,316	\$597 to \$978	\$415 to \$1,196	\$415 to 1,079
Avg Price	\$ 1,164	\$ 1,100	\$ 568	\$ 979	\$ 722
# Sold	181	171 Reserved	124	306	62

The comparables above are each located in close proximity to the Project. In fact the Atlantic is located immediately North of the Project, and Bob Glickman and Michael Stein toured it in late 2004. While it is not a

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horrible looking building, we feel that the Project will be superior to the Atlantic in all respects. Each is classified as five star quality facilities with direct views of the Atlantic Ocean.

The Appraiser used recent actual sales contract amounts at the Atlantic and the St. Regis to value those Projects. In March 2006 the Bank called the St. Regis sales office and determined that only four units remained unsold and the asking prices were between \$1,100 and \$1,200 per square foot. Below is chart of comparable unit sales the Appraiser used to value the Project:

Туре	Project	Size	Floor	Date of Contract	Price	Price/SF
Studio	The Atlantic	490	12	N/A	\$629,000	\$1,284
Studio	The Atlantic	581	6	July 2005	\$560,000	\$964
Studio	The Atlantic	804	7	Sept 2005	\$655,000	\$814
Studio	The Atlantic	580	7	Not available	\$680,000	\$1,172
2BR	The Atlantic	1,414	6	Not available	\$1,100,000	\$778
2BR	The Atlantic	1,414	11	Not available	\$1,500,000	\$1,061
1BR	The Atlantic	1,024	12	Not available	\$1,200,000	\$1,172
3BR	St. Regis	2,937	18	Not available	\$2,950,000	\$1,004
3BR	St. Regis	2,697	20	Not available	\$3,175,000	\$1,177
PH (1BR)	The Atlantic	1,400	16	Not available	\$1,995,000	\$1,425
PH (3BR)	St. Regis	2,988	22	Not available	\$3,865,000	\$1,294

The Appraiser also used the reservations provided by the Borrower as another data point to value the Project. The reservations are sorted by unit type as follows:

Unit Type	# Units	# Reserved	% Reserved	SF Reserved	\$ Reserved	\$/SF
Studio	151	142	94%	86,460	\$ 97,317,460	
1BR	89	78	88%	64,483	\$ 70,050,190	\$1,086
2BR	50	41	82%	49,628	\$ 62,504,200	\$1,259
3BR	7	2	29%	3,341	\$ 4,798,750	\$1,436
4BR*	1	0	0%	-	\$ -	N/A
Total	298	263	88%	203,912	\$234,670,600	\$1,151

*Unit 2403, a 4BR, 4,000 SF penthouse, will be purchased "at cost" from the previous site owner.

Based on these sources, the Appraiser derived a value of \$1,150/SF for studios, one bedrooms, and two bedrooms, and \$1,400/SF for penthouse units. The Appraiser projected an average sales price on the residential portion of the Project of \$1,170/SF or \$280,000M, and \$300/sf for the retail space, resulting in a total sellout of approximately \$285MM.

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Commissions and closing costs are estimated at 7%, which would result in a net sellout of \$265MM. The exposure analysis, based on the Appraiser's estimates, is attached as **Exhibit "I"** and suggests that the Loan would be paid off after the sale and closing of approximately 213 units or 71% of the residential portion of the Project.

Bank Valuation

The Bank's valuation of the Project is heavily influenced by the pre-sale data at the Project. The Borrower began taking reservations in October 2004 and to date has achieved sold approximately 62% of the Project (185 units) at an average sales price of \$1,136/SF. The Borrower must achieve a presale requirement of 166 Valid Sales Contracts consisting of 118,900 square feet and 10 Related Party Contracts consisting of 8,600, at a an average price per square foot of \$1,050.

Given the sales data, the Bank has projected an average sales price of \$1,136/sf for the residential units, \$300/sf for the retail space, (please note that given their relatively minor significance in the grand scheme of things, the Bank did not perform a thorough analysis of retail values in Fort Lauderdale; instead we just conservatively applied significant discounts to the Borrower's and appraiser's estimates) resulting in a total sellout of approximately \$272,640M. Commissions and closing costs are estimated at 7%, which would result in a net sellout of \$257,546M. The exposure analysis, based on the Bank's estimates, is attached as Exhibit "J" and suggests that the Loan would be paid off after the sale and closing of approximately 215 units, or 72% of the residential portion of the Project. (The Bank would be paid off much quicker if we did not allow the Borrower to cash out some money once we are paid down to \$200/SF.)

Profit Projection:

Assuming all of the units sold at the Borrower Expected price of \$1,179/sf for the residential units, and \$600/sf for the commercial space, commissions and closing costs are 4%, the Borrower's profit would be \$15,857M, after paying for all expenses and costs of funding, the Bank's Exit Fee, accrued interest on the CBRE mezz Loan, and the Trump fee. Assuming the Bank's expected sellout, all else equal, the Borrower would profit by \$7,299M. Please refer to the profit projections attached as **Exhibit "K"** for further detail.

This is still a profitable transaction, but not nearly as profitable to the Borrower as before the huge cost increases. Luckily, even if the Borrower loses out, it looks like the Mezzanine Lender will have a significant amount of principal and interest to protect in all but the most disastrous downturn.

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Guarantor/Sponsorship Discussion:

Roy Stillman

Stillman is a member of The Stillman Organization, a family owned real estate development company. This will be the Bank's second transaction with Roy Stillman. In September 2002, the Bank closed on Stillman/Upper East Side, a \$63,050M loan for the construction of a 30-story condo building known as the Metropolitan with 94 residential units containing 170,000 square feet. This project was both on time and under budget, and paid off in May 2004. Please note that we estimate that Stillman (50% owner) and his partners made a roughly \$40,000M profit on a \$3,000M equity investment on the Metropolitan. The fact that Stillman performed so well on a previous transaction with the Bank gives us an added degree of confidence in his ability to complete and sellout the Project. Prior to the Stillman/Upper East Side project, Stillman had built several small condo developments and office buildings in the greater New York area.

Stillman Financial Position

Attached as Exhibit "L", please find a copy of Stillman's certified personal financial statement dated October 4, 2005.

Stillman claimed a net worth of \$37,850M on total assets of \$41,550M. His assets were listed as follows: \$1,750M in cash, \$9,000M in personal effects, \$450M in automobiles, \$4,000M in his residence in New York, \$7,000M in his residence in South Beach, FL, and \$19,350M in various investment properties in Florida and New York. Stillman also provided the Bank with statements from his personal checking accounts dated August 19, 2005. One account evidenced an average daily balance of \$4,360M while another account evidenced an account balance of \$43M. No contingent liabilities were reported on his Personal Financial Statement dated October 4, 2005.

Stillman provided the Bank with copies of his 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 federal tax returns, (select pages attached as Exhibit "M"). Once Stillman files his 2006 return, the Bank will be provided with a copy. Please see the chart below for a summary of Stillman's tax returns:

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Taxable Interest Business Income Schedule E Income NOL Carryover	2002 \$4,601 \$0 (\$340,689) (\$193,045)	2003 \$4,805 \$30,544 (\$15,517) (\$546,444)	2004 \$1,077 (\$1,239,265) \$22,577,805 (\$543,851)	2005 \$40,336 \$0 \$1,379,070 \$0
AGI	(\$540,514)	(\$542,101)	\$20,500,647	\$1,416,503

During 2002 and 2003, Stillman was in the process of developing the Bank-financed Stillman/Upper East Side project and his profits from said transaction are reflected on his 2004 tax return.

Conclusion

The Bank considers Stillman's financial strength to be fair. While he claims a net worth of \$37,850M, most of that amount is tied up in real estate investments. Given this fact, Stillman's presence as a completion guarantor is not worth very much. However, the Bank benefits from the presence of CBRE as the mezzanine lender on this Project, as well as the profit inherent in the reservations/presales.

Loan Rating/ Bank Profitability Discussion:

Per the Loss Given Default ("LGD") calculation attached as Exhibit "N", a stress to approximately 52% of the Bank's expected valuation (this is obviously a larger discount than we normally apply, but we want to be very conservative given our concerns regarding the hotel condo nature of the Project) was applied, which would suggest that the project's sellout was \$132MM or \$549/SF. Since the loan is non-recourse for payment, no additional value is added from a guaranty. In the event of a default and this liquidation value, the Bank would incur a loss of 19.4% (which was rounded to 20%). If the probability of default ("POD") is set equal to the LGD for the Primary Loan, then the Loan would be assigned a 4.0 rating for the Primary Loan.

The CRE Profitability Model is attached as Exhibit "O". The months to maximum funding was set at 23 months, additional months at maximum Project funding was set at 1 month and the months to repay all sources was set to 5 months such that the calculated term of the Loan would be 29 months. Under these assumptions, the required ROAE threshold of 17.01% is surpassed by 6.51% and the "All-in-Spread" requirement of 4.25% is surpassed by 2.40%.

Relationship Exposure

Analysis:

This is the only loan the Bank has with the Borrower.

Loan Source:

Keith Gibbons generated this Loan through his relationship with Roy

Stillman, a customer of the Bank.

Structural Weakness

Analysis:

This Loan does not have any structural weaknesses.

Board Exceptions:

This Loan does not have any Board Exceptions.

Patriot Act

Compliance:

The following entities were checked against the OFAC list and were not

listed:

Roy Stillman

The Stillman Organization

Donald Trump

SB Hotel Associates LLC

Stillman Bayrock Merrimac LLC

CRA Benefit:

This Loan does not have a community development purpose, as it does not

provide affordable housing.

BSA/AML Rating: Low-Risk.

Conclusion:

The risks and weaknesses of this Loan are as follows:

- 1) Non-recourse loan.
- 2) Condo-hotel nature of the Project for reasons described herein.

Fortunately, these negatives are more than offset by the following strengths:

- 1) Strong third-party Mezz Lender with \$38,260M in the Project ahead of us. Our LTS is conservative at 51%.
- 2) Experienced development team.
- 3) Presale requirement of roughly 60% of the Project at \$1,050/SF. To date, the Borrower reports 185 Valid Sales Contracts at \$1,136/SF implying a VERY conservative LTS of 51%.
- 4) Great location right off the beach on the prime strip in Fort Lauderdale.

Based on the above, it is recommended that this Loan be approved as stated above and assigned the following initial ratings:

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Primary Loan

POD Rating: 20%
LGD Rating: 20%
Alpha Rating: P
Numeric Rating: 4.0

Supervising Officer:

Bob Glickman

Lead Officer:

Keith R. Gibbons

Supporting Loan Officer:

George Guattare

Exhibits:

- A. Loan ComparisonB. Ownership Structure
- C. Project Budget
- D. CBRE Term Sheet
- E. Sales Summary
- F. Commitment Letter
- G. Site Plan, Maps, Project Renderings, and Photos
- H. Exposure Analysis Borrower
- I. Exposure Analysis Appraiser
- J. Exposure Analysis Bank
- K. Profit Projection
- L. Stillman Personal Financial Statement
- M. Stillman's 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 Federal Tax Returns
- N. Loss Given Default
- O. CRE Profitability Model

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DONALD J. TRUMP Chairman and President, The Trump Organization

A schoolboy's dream...a competitor's challenge. Donald J. Trump is the very definition of the American success story, continually setting the standards of excellence while expanding his interests in real estate, gaming, sports, and entertainment. He is the archetypal businessman – a deal maker without peer and an ardent philanthropist.

Mr. Trump started his business career in an office he shared with his father in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, New York. He worked with his father for five years, where they were busy making deals together. Mr. Trump has been quoted as saying, "My father was my mentor, and I learned a tremendous amount about every aspect of the construction industry from him." Likewise, Fred C. Trump often stated that "some of my best deals were made by my son, Donald...everything he touches seems to turn to gold." Mr. Trump then entered the very different world of Manhattan real estate.

In New York City, the Trump signature is synonymous with the most prestigious of addresses. Among them are the world-renowned Fifth Avenue skyscraper, Trump Tower, and the luxury residential buildings, Trump Parc, Trump Palace, Trump Plaza, 610 Park Avenue, The Trump World Tower (the tallest building on the East Side of Manhattan), and Trump Park Avenue. Mr. Trump was also responsible for the designation and construction of the Jacob Javits Convention Center on land controlled by him, known as the West 34th Street Railroad Yards, and the total exterior restoration of the Grand Central Terminal as part of his conversion of the neighboring Commodore Hotel into the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Over the years, Mr. Trump has owned and sold many great buildings in New York including the Plaza Hotel (which he renovated and brought back to its original grandeur), the St. Moritz Hotel (three times...and now called the Ritz Carlton on Central Park South) and until 2002, the land under the Empire State Building (which allowed the land and lease to be merged together for the first time in over 50 years). Additionally, the NikeTown store is owned by Mr. Trump, on East 57th Street and adjacent to Tiffany's. In early 2008, Gucci opened their largest store in the world in Trump Tower.

In 1997, the Trump International Hotel & Tower opened its doors to the world. This 52 story mixed—use super luxury hotel and residential building is located on the crossroads of Manhattan's West Side, on Central Park West at Columbus Circle. It was designed by the world-famous architect, Philip Johnson, and has



achieved some of the highest sales prices and rentals in the United States. As one of only three hotels in the nation to have received a double Mobil Five-Star rating for both the hotel and its restaurant, Jean-Georges, it has also received the Five Star Diamond Award from the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences, and was voted the number one business hotel in New York City by Travel and Leisure Magazine. Conde Nast Traveler Magazine has named it the number one hotel in the US, and its innovative concept has been copied worldwide. In 2009, it once again won the Mobil Five-Star Award.

Mr. Trump was also the developer of the largest parcel of land in New York City, the former West Side Rail Yards. On this 100 acre property, fronting along the Hudson River from 59th Street to 72nd Street, the largest development ever approved by the New York City Planning Commission is being built and is near completion. There will be a total of 16 buildings on the site, and Mr. Trump has donated a 25 acre waterfront park and a 700 foot sculptured pier to the city of New York.

Other acquisitions in New York City include The Trump Building at 40 Wall Street, the landmark 1.3 million square foot, 72-story building located in Manhattan's Financial District, directly across from the New York Stock Exchange and the tallest building in downtown Manhattan. This purchase, which took place at the depths of the New York City real estate market, is said to be one of the best real estate deals made in the last twenty-five years. In addition, Mr. Trump built 610 Park Avenue (at 64th Street), formerly known as the Mayfair Regent Hotel, which was very successfully converted into super-luxury condominium apartments achieving, at that time, the highest prices on Park Avenue. Further east, adjacent to the United Nations, sits the spectacular Trump World Tower, a 90-story luxury residential building and one of the tallest residential towers in the world. The Trump World Tower has received rave reviews from the architectural critics, with Herbert Muschamp of the New York Times calling it "a handsome hunk of a glass tower." Likewise, Trump World Tower is considered one of the most successful condominium towers ever built in the United States.

In 2001, Mr. Trump announced plans for his first foray into Chicago, where he planned to build the Trump International Hotel & Tower/Chicago. The 2.7 million square foot, 92-story mixed-use tower is located on the banks of the Chicago River, directly west of Michigan Avenue (the most prominent site in Chicago), and is the sixth tallest building in the world. The architect is Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago, and the tower also includes four levels of retail shops. The hotel opened in January of 2008 to great acclaim, and in 2010 received Travel & Leisure Magazine's #1 Hotel in the US and Canada award.

In 2002, Mr. Trump purchased the fabled Delmonico Hotel, located at 59th Street and Park Avenue. It has been developed into a state-of-the-art luxury 35 story condominium named Trump Park Avenue. It was Mr. Trump's desire to make this one of the most luxurious buildings ever built in New York City, which has been achieved. The square foot prices of these apartments set new records.

Mr. Trump's portfolio of holdings also includes Trump National Golf Club in Westchester, NY, a signature Fazio golf course and residential development, and a 250 acre estate known as the Mansion at Seven Springs, the former home of Katharine Graham (of The Washington Post and Rockefeller University), which will be developed into a world class luxury housing development with homes that will sell for upwards of \$20 million dollars each. Mr. Trump also purchased one of the largest parcels of land in California which fronts, for two and a half miles, along the Pacific Ocean. A Donald J. Trump championship golf course, called Trump National Golf Club/Los Angeles, has been built on this site, and it has been voted the number one golf course in California. Seventy-five luxury estates will follow. In addition, the Tom Fazio designed Trump National Golf Club has been built in Lamington Farms in Bedminster, New Jersey, on the 525 acre Cowperthwaite Estate, considered to be the best in the state. An additional 18 hole course was opened recently. In November of 2008, Mr. Trump received approval to develop Trump International Golf Links Scotland, a golf course in Aberdeen, Scotland, with over three miles of spectacular ocean waterfront, and Trump International Golf Club in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico has 1250 acres of ocean waterfront. In August of 2008, Mr. Trump purchased a golf course in Colts Neck, New Jersey, which is now Trump National Golf Club/Colts Neck, and in February of 2009 he bought an 800 acre parcel of land and club near Washington, D.C. that fronts the Potomac River for three miles, to become Trump National Golf Club, Washington D.C. Two more golf courses were added to his portfolio in December of 2009, Trump National Golf Club—Philadelphia, and Trump National Golf Club-Hudson Valley. In April of 2010, a new celebrity reality series, "Donald J. Trump's Fabulous World of Golf" debuted on Golf Channel.

In Palm Beach, Florida, Mr. Trump has converted the famous and historic estate owned by Marjorie Merriweather Post and E.F. Hutton, Mar-a-Lago, into the private, ultra-luxury Mar-a-Lago Club. It has received the award from the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences as the "Best Club Anywhere in the World." Also in Palm Beach and located 7 minutes from Mar-a-Lago is the Trump International Golf Club. Designed by the famed golf course architect Jim Fazio, this \$40 million golf course has magnificent tropical landscaping, water features and streams and elevations of 100 feet (unprecedented in all of Florida). Opened in October 1999, this course has been acclaimed as one of the best in the United States. An additional nine hole course was opened in 2006 to equal acclaim.

The Trump Hotel Collection was created to designate a new level of internationally important hotels, defined by elegance and attention to detail. One of the newest additions to the Las Vegas skyline is a super-luxury 60 story hotel condominium tower, the 5-star Trump International Hotel Las Vegas. Current and future developments in the Trump Hotel Collection include towers in SoHo/New York (which opened in spring of 2010), Chicago (opened 2008), Waikiki/Hawaii (opened November 2009), New Orleans, Toronto, Panama, and Cap Cana/Dominican Republic. Istanbul/Turkey, Trump International Golf and

Residences/Puerto Rico and Trump International Golf Links Scotland with a luxury 5-star hotel round out Mr. Trump's portfolio of international developments.

In a departure from his real estate acquisitions, Mr. Trump and the NBC Television Network are partners in the ownership and broadcast rights for the three largest beauty competitions in the world: the Miss Universe, Miss USA, and Miss Teen USA Pageants. A recent Miss Universe pageant won the night in ratings in the #1 slot and it is currently broadcast in 180 countries. Trump Model Management, which was founded in 1999, has become one of the leading modeling agencies in New York City.

Mr. Trump rebuilt the Wollman Skating Rink (currently managed by The Trump Organization) in Central Park. This project was particularly special to Mr. Trump. The city had been trying for seven years to rebuild and restore the Rink, whereupon Mr. Trump interceded and did so in four months and at only 10% of the City's \$20,000,000 cost. In addition, Mr. Trump is given credit, as stated by everyone in the know and as Mark J. Penn's book *Microtrends* reports, for having made a major and very favorable impact on the economy of the city by creating the condominium boom, versus the co-ops that were more prevalent in the past.

An accomplished author, Mr. Trump's first autobiography, The Art of the Deal, became one of the most successful business best-sellers of all time, having sold in excess of three million copies, and being a New York Times number one best-seller for many weeks. The sequel, Surviving at the Top, was on The New York Times bestseller list and was also a number one best-seller as was his third book, The Art of the Comeback. Mr. Trump's fourth book, The America We Deserve, is a departure from his past literary efforts. This book deals with issues most important to the American people today and focuses on the views regarding American political, economic and social problems. His fifth book, How To Get Rich: Big Deals from the Star of The Apprentice, became an immediate bestseller on all lists, as did Trump: The Way to the Top and Trump: Think Like a Billionaire which was released in October of 2004. Trump: The Best Golf Advice I Ever Received was published in April 2005, followed by Trump: The Best Real Estate Advice I Ever Received in 2006. He has also teamed up with Robert Kiyosaki to make publishing history with their book, Why We Want You To Be Rich: Two Men, One Message, which in October of 2006 made the #1 spot on the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and Amazon bestseller lists. Trump 101: The Way To Success debuted in late 2006. In October of 2007 Mr. Trump's book with Bill Zanker, Think Big was launched. In early 2008, Mr. Trump's Never Give Up was released, followed by Think Like a Champion in April of 2009.

A native of New York City, Mr. Trump is a graduate of The Wharton School of Finance. Involved in numerous civic and charitable organizations, he is a member of the Board of Directors for the Police Athletic League. Mr. Trump also serves as a Chairman of the Donald J. Trump Foundation as well as Co-Chairman of the New York Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund. In 1995, he served as the Grand Marshal

of the largest parade ever held in New York, The Nation's Parade, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. He also hosts the annual Red Cross Ball at his Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach.

Mr. Trump is a founding member of both the Committee to Complete Construction of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and The Wharton School Real Estate Center. Mr. Trump was also a committee member of the Celebration of Nations commemorating the 50th anniversary of the United Nations and UNICEF. He was also designated "The Developer of the Year" by the Construction Management Association of America and Master Builder by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreational & Historic Preservation. In June 2000, he received his greatest honor of all, the Hotel and Real Estate Visionary of the Century, given by the UJA Federation, and in 2003 was named to the Benefactors Board of Directors by the Historical Society of Palm Beach County.

By January of 2004, Mr. Trump had joined forces with Mark Burnett Productions and NBC to produce and star in the television reality show, The Apprentice. This quickly became the number one show on television, making ratings history and receiving rave reviews. Few shows have garnered the worldwide attention that The Apprentice has achieved, and it received three Emmy nominations for excellence. The Celebrity Apprentice has met with great success as well, being one of the highest rated shows on television, and Mr. Trump signed to continue in this role for the 2011 television season. This marks the eleventh season of the show. Moreover, Mr. Trump is producing additional network and cable television programming via his Los Angeles based production company, Trump Productions LLC. His radio program with Clear Channel Radio, parent company of Premiere Radio Networks, beginning in the summer of 2004, broke all syndication records, followed by the launch and great success of the Donald J. Trump Signature Collection, which includes business suits, dress shirts, neckwear, cufflinks, eyewear, small leather goods, and belts. The neckwear collection became the number one selling brand at Macy's Herald Square, New York, highlighting the demand by consumers to emulate Mr. Trump's sense of fashion. In the fall of 2006, Trump Vodka was successfully launched and Trump Home was introduced in the spring of 2007, which includes a comprehensive collection of mattresses, furniture, lighting and room decor. In 2010, Rogaska Crystal and Trump Home announced a partnership to launch crystal home accessories and giftware.

In the August 21-28 2006 issue of BusinessWeek magazine, Mr. Trump was voted, by their readers, as "the world's most competitive businessperson" and voted by the staff and writers of BusinessWeek as one of the Top 10 most competitive businesspeople on the planet. The ongoing business success of the Trump Organization was recognized by the Crain's New York Business List 2007, with a ranking of Number 1 for the largest privately held company in the New York area. Also renowned for his celebrity status, Forbes ranked Mr. Trump number 12 in the world on their top 100 celebrity list in 2006.

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